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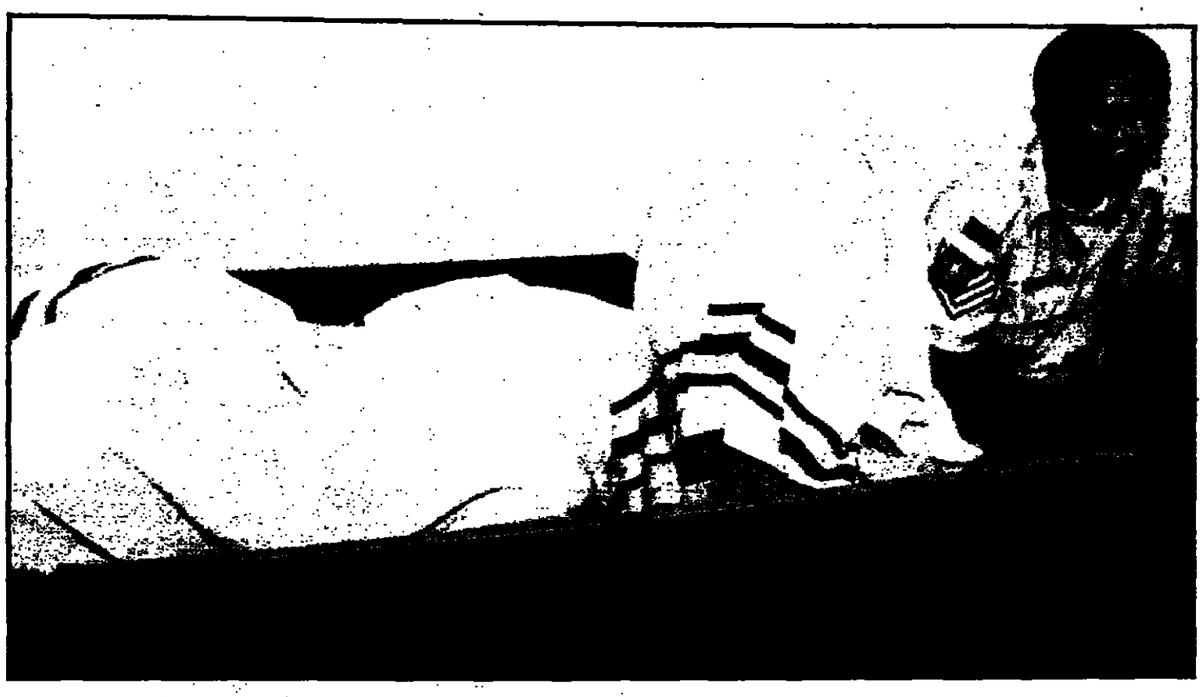


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Three suspects in the killing of Palestinian farmer Abdul Majid Abu Turki appear in Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday where two, who are minors, were remanded and the third was released on bail. (Brian Hendler)

PM consulting on pullback referendum

By JAY BUSHINSKY and MICHAL YUDELMAN

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is consulting with American public relations adviser Arthur Finkelstein on the possibility of putting the West Bank redeployment issue to a national referendum, a diplomatic source said yesterday.

This disclosure coincided with a senior political source's contention that Netanyahu tends to favor this idea, even if it causes a further delay in the second IDF withdrawal – an issue over which Israel and the Palestinian Authority are deadlocked and which US intermediaries have been unable to resolve.

A government aide close to Netanyahu denied that the prime minister has been in touch with Finkelstein over the referendum issue.

"Rumors to that effect stem from the presence in Israel of Alan Ross, who works for US businessman Ron Lauder, and who has not been involved in any aspect of domestic politics," the aide said. Channel 2 reported last night that Ross was Finkelstein's top aide.

Despite his former dismissal of the idea, Netanyahu has instructed cabinet secretary Dan Naveh and Interior Minister Eliahu Suissa to look into the procedural and operative aspects of holding a referendum.

"It's possible to conduct a referendum in various ways," the source said, mentioning mail, telephone, or by utilizing the system used for national elections. "This would not require months, but only a few weeks," he said.

Before a referendum could be held, however, a law enabling it to take place would have to be passed by the Knesset.

Asked whether a referendum might not delay the conclusion of an Israeli-Palestinian agreement on the next IDF pullback, the source replied: "That is the price of democracy."

At a meeting of the Likud ministers yesterday, Netanyahu said the pullback is not a matter of the next few days and that he is seriously considering the option of holding a referendum on the issue.

"Anyone who thinks an agreement will be reached within a matter of days is wrong," he said, adding there has been progress toward implementation of the IDF's third West Bank pullback, but none whatsoever on the second one.

"We are standing firm on our demand for suspected terrorists and murderers to be transferred from the PA-administered areas to Israel to undergo interrogation and stand trial," the source said. "Revision of the Palestinian Covenant also is essential."

The source termed these and other actions specified in the Oslo Accords as a "reciprocity factor which is built into the agreement." Replying to a question about the desirability of a summit meeting with PA Chairman Yasser Arafat, the source said: "A session with Arafat would be feasible only if the gaps dividing Israel and the PA can be closed.

"Right now the gaps are narrower than they were before, but we still are too far away from an agreement" to justify a rendezvous with Arafat.

The source criticized the US for making its initiative public, contending that "this tempted the Palestinians to do nothing and simply rely on the US to close the deal."

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Youths confess to 'prank' killing near Hebron

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Two 16 year olds from a village for wayward youth in the West Bank settlement of Beit Haggai were remanded yesterday for six days by Jerusalem Magistrate's Court in the death of Abdul Abu Turki, 48, from Hebron.

The two confessed to police that they had hit Abu Turki on the head with a wooden club from the window of a van as he was walking along a road near the settlement late Tuesday. They said they had not intended to kill him, but meant it as a prank.

Abu Turki collapsed on the road and was rushed to a hospital in Hebron, where he died of his wounds. A farmer and laborer, he had 12 children.

The court imposed a gag order on the identity of the youths. According to reports, one of the minors has a criminal background and the other is reportedly disturbed.

The head of the Hebron Regional Council, Ephraim Hibsh, who is also director of the youth village, said the two youths were not from Beit Haggai, but lived with adopted families there and attended its school.

Hibsh said seven youths were in the van returning to the village when one of them held a club outside the window and hit Abu Turki as they passed him.

The youths apparently spoke of the incident, but treated it as a "prank," not realizing the consequences of their act.

Hibsh said that when reports of Abu Turki's death were mentioned on radio and television, officials realized what had happened. After questioning those in the van, Hibsh and others escorted them to the police Tuesday night. The police released five youths and the driver, he said.

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AGENDA

By AVIRAM BAR-TOSER

Keeping the atmosphere positive

"The United States is concerned about the Egyptian-French initiative, as it may divert attention away from the negotiations and their key objective, create confusion, and provide the Israeli government with an excuse for moving its focus away from the effort to make the necessary decisions on the issue of the permanent-status settlement."

This was the opening passage of a letter of protest which the US government had delivered to officials in the capital cities of European Union nations. The American démarche followed the announcement of a new Egyptian-French initiative to convene a conference on the continuation of the Middle East peace process, due to the interminable difficulties involved in implementing the interim agreements.

The letter went on to say that, "despite this statement, the US wishes to know how the conference will be organized, how talks will be conducted, what in your view will be their impact on developments, and what results you expect.

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Manbar convicted of selling poison gas to Iran

News agencies

Businessman Nahum Manbar was convicted yesterday by Tel Aviv District Court of aiding an enemy state with intent to harm Israel's security by selling poison gas material and chemical weapons equipment to Iran.

Manbar faces a life term when he is sentenced on July 15.

Prosecutors had charged that Manbar, a former kibbutz member and paratrooper, had from 1990 to 1995 supplied Iran with material to produce mustard and nerve gas and equipment to build munitions factories for chemical warheads, earning $16 million.

Manbar, who also lived for a period in France, was secretly arrested in May 1997 while on a visit here. His trial was held behind closed doors, except for yesterday's verdict hearing.



Nahum Manbar in court yesterday. (Yael Somekh/Israel Sun)

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Lobbyists to campaign against young driver bill

By DAVID RUDGE and Jerusalem Post Staff

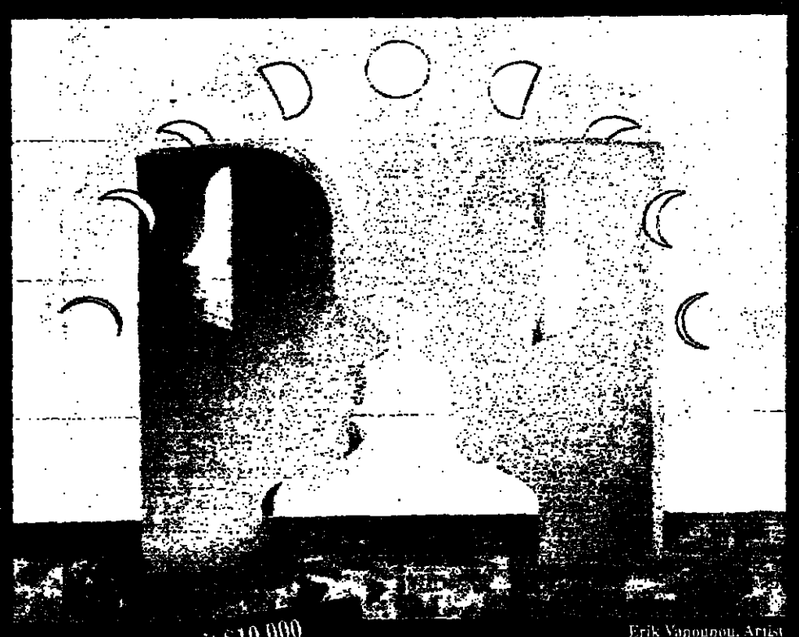
Metuna, the public organization for the prevention of carnage on the roads, intends to launch a nationwide protest against final passage of a bill to allow youngsters to begin taking driving lessons at the age of 16 and a half.

"I don't think there will be one mother in the country who will be in favor of this proposal," said Metuna spokeswoman Zelda Harris.

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NEWS
in brief

Arabs to revive plan for PLO upgrade at UN

Frustrated over the US failure to revive the Middle East peace process, Arab states have asked the UN General Assembly to reconsider a resolution upgrading the status of the PLO observer mission, diplomats said yesterday. Nasser Kidwa, the PLO observer at the UN, said Arab ambassadors asked the General Assembly to schedule a debate on the proposal next week, possibly Wednesday.

Other diplomats confirmed that the request had been forwarded to the president of the General Assembly, Hennady Udovenko, and that a decision was expected soon. *AP*

Double-murderer Aharoni paroled

Rahamim ("Gumadi") Aharoni, who has served two-thirds of a life sentence for a double-murder charge, was released yesterday from Ma'asiyahu Prison for good behavior. Aharoni said his happiness is tempered, because his accomplice, Tuvya Oshri, is still serving a life sentence. Aharoni still maintains that his crimes were committed in self-defense.

He also said that he is looking forward to beginning a new life, and may return to the meat-packing business. He added that he has been compiling material during his years of imprisonment and may write a book. *Itim*

PLO protests over settler Civil Guard

The PLO's UN observer, Nasser Kidwa, complained yesterday to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and the Security Council that the safety of Palestinians in the West Bank could be jeopardized by Israel allowing Civil Guard units to operate in Jewish settlements. He called it a "blatant violation of international law, the Fourth Geneva Convention, and relevant Security Council resolutions."

Kidwa also complained that "the illegal settlement of Ariel" had been granted city status, "implicitly indicating that it is not a part of the occupied territory anymore." An Israeli spokesman said Kidwa's statement was the PLO's own interpretation. *Reuter*

Labor campaigns to abolish direct elections

Labor MKs are renewing the initiative to abolish the law for direct elections of the prime minister. MK Rafael Edri called a meeting of some 20 party MKs at his Herzliya home next week, including Shimon Peres, Yossi Beilin and Uzi Baram, who are spearheading the move to abolish the law. Labor Party leader Ehud Barak, who opposes the move, was not invited. *Michal Yudelman*

Suspected war criminal Sakic expected in Croatia

Dinko Sakic, the alleged ex-commandant of the Jasenovac death camp in wartime Croatia, is expected to arrive in the Croatian capital under guard today pending a trial for crimes against humanity, according to Efraim Zuroff, director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center's office here.

Attributing his information to "Argentine and Croatian journalists," Zuroff said Sakic was flown yesterday from Buenos Aires to Frankfurt where he was to be transferred to a flight to Zagreb. "This is a tremendous step forward and a credit to Argentina's new determination to rid itself of Nazi war criminals, Zuroff said.

Sakic, 76, had lived in Argentina for 50 years. *Jay Bushinsky*

Netanyahu appoints committee to look into legalizing Arutz 7

Police: Raid proves station is operating inside Israel

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and LIAT COLLINS

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has appointed a ministerial committee to look into legalizing the pirate radio station Arutz 7 after its offices were raided yesterday morning by police.

"Arutz 7's legal status was not resolved for 10 years, I hope we will be able to resolve it," Netanyahu told parliamentary reporters.

He noted however that yesterday's closure of the station was in keeping with a High Court decision.

NRP whip Shmaryahu Ben-Tsur threatened to pull out from the coalition following the raid.

Netanyahu denied that NRP leader and Education Minister Yitzhak Levy had made a similar threat, although Channel One quoted Levy as saying he had considered stepping down after hearing about the raid.

Netanyahu said that Levy is a member of a ministerial panel which he has appointed on the issue.

The police raided offices and a recording studio belonging to the Arutz 7 early yesterday in Beit El, Psagot, Har Bracha and Tel Aviv. They confiscated equipment and gathered evidence they claim proves that the station broadcasts from inside Israel and not outside its territorial waters as it claims.

Residents of Judea, Samaria and Gaza were outraged by the move.

Settlement leaders called on Netanyahu to remember his promises to allow the station to operate legally.

A statement issued by the station charged that it was regrettable that such acts are carried out under a Likud government headed by Netanyahu whom the community fought so hard to get elected.

The Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza also denounced the raid as an attempt to shut the mouths of those opposing further withdrawals from the West Bank.

After meeting with Netanyahu, Levy said on Channel One that attempts were being made to allow the station to operate legally.

Transport Minister Shaul Yahalom (NRP) said that "on all important matters if we don't receive a positive answer then the thought of leaving the government passes through our minds."

Yahalom said he planned to ensure "the continued existence of Arutz 7."

Station manager Yaacov Katz said on Israel Radio yesterday "no one promised us a rose garden when we set up the station 10 years ago." Katz who is in New York, argued that the station was legal.

Police Lieut. Cmdr. Moshe Mizrahi said that plans for a probe of the station last August had been delayed for fear it would result in violence.

Mizrahi said police had no plans to board the *Eretz Hazvi* ship from where the station is broadcast, but could monitor whether it was operating within the country's territorial waters.

A police statement yesterday said that Beit El police found a transmitter and a recording and broadcasting studio and two transmitters in Psagot that were dismantled and hidden in a warehouse as police arrived on the scene.

The statement said there were plans to question the station's managers after Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein reviews an expected court ruling on the matter.

MK Rehavam Ze'evi (Moledet) denounced the raid as the prime minister's "revenge against the settlers for deciding to fight against the redeployment. Netanyahu was elected with the aid of the settlers. Now he's trying to gag them but their voice will continue to be heard."

MK Eitan Cabel (Labor), who petitioned the High Court to order the station's closure, accused Arutz 7 of operating illegally and of broadcasting "words of hate."

He alleged that the station also took away advertising from legal stations operating under a franchise.

Cabel also accused NRP ministers of "trying to delegitimize the rule of law."

"The NRP has once again proven that it has become a party of extremists giving its support to lawbreakers," Cabel maintained.

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid welcomed the raid and said it was long overdue.

Hariri: US to jump-start Israeli talks with Syria, Lebanon

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON – Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri said yesterday that the Clinton Administration plans to try to jump-start Israeli-Lebanese and Israeli-Syrian peace talks in the coming weeks.

He also said that an Israeli-Lebanese prisoner exchange may take place as soon as he returns from his four-day trip to Washington.

"I cannot give you any details, but I can say I am confident something will happen in the next few weeks," Hariri told reporters at the National Press Club when asked about the American role in restarting the Lebanese and Syrian negotiations with Israel that have been dormant for over two years.

He was unsure about whether those efforts would depend on the US first concluding a deal between Israel and the Palestinians leading to final-status talks.

Hariri also said it is unclear how much longer the US intends to focus solely on the Israeli-Palestinian track, although he conceded that "maybe they are right" in their diplomatic priorities in trying to nail down the pending deal first.

Asked by *The Jerusalem Post* about progress toward a prisoner swap involving the body of slain Navy commando 3PO Itamar Ilya and Amal militiamen, Hariri said:

"We are very much advancing this issue. I hope we can finalize it after we get back to Beirut."

Hariri, who met Tuesday with US President Bill Clinton, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and National Security Advisor Sandy Berger, reiterated Lebanon's opposition to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's offer to withdraw from southern Lebanon.

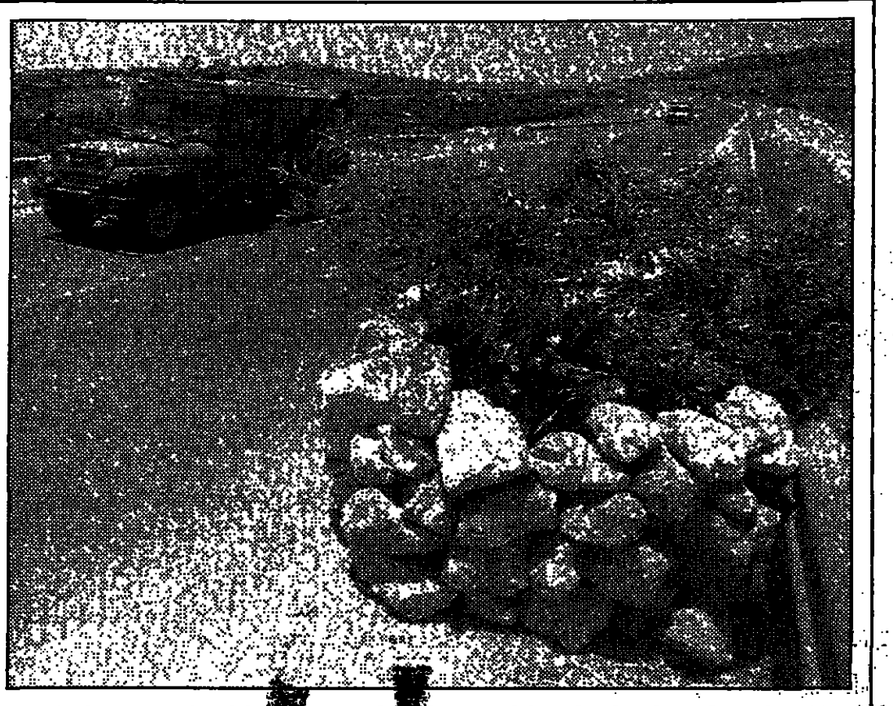
But when asked whether he rejected Albright's suggestion that he consider it, he was noncommittal.

He said Beirut welcomed an unconditional withdrawal, as well as the resumption of peace talks, but that Lebanon did not wish to negotiate the IDF's exit.

Under-Secretary of State Martin Indyk said, meanwhile, that Syria was making great efforts to try to return to the negotiating table with Israel. Israel Radio reported last night.

Iran's ambassador to the UN, Hadi Nejad Hosseinian, said in Washington that "contrary to perceptions," Teheran supports the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, but opposes "repression."

Speaking to a forum organized by *Middle East Insight* magazine, Nejad Hosseinian also said that Palestinians should have a say in any peace deal with Israel. If that occurs, Iran will "not oppose any democratic process" leading to a deal, he said.



An IDF jeep yesterday drives past a make-shift memorial made of rocks and tree branches, marking the spot south of Hebron where Palestinian farmer Abdul Majid Mohammed Abdul Turki was clubbed to death. (AP)

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In Hebron, shopkeepers closed their stores and and declared a day of mourning. Yesterday, relatives of Abu Turki erected a stone memorial covered with olive branches at the site where he was attacked.

His cousin, Mahmoud Abu Turki, who was with him at the time of the incident, said a settler driving a van hit Abu Turki on the head and fled the area. Abu Turki's older son accused the settlers of killing his father in cold blood.

Late yesterday afternoon, Israel Radio reported that an inquest at the Abu Kabir Forensic Institute had determined that Abu Turki suffered from an illness that affected the artery leading to the brain. The force of the blow was not strong, the report said, but it tore the artery leading to the brain and caused internal bleeding. According to the report, had Abu Turki been healthy, it is possible he would not have died from the blow.

Abu Turki was buried last night in Hebron as security forces on both sides remained on alert.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu condemned the killing, calling it horrific and saying those responsible would be punished. Minister of Education Yitzhak Levy said, "No one has the right to murder on either side or take the law into their own hands."

The Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza condemned the act. Beit Haggai residents said Abu Turki was well known and had worked in the settlement.

"We send our condolences to the family. It is tragic that such a prank resulted in his death," they said.

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's aide, Ahmed Tibi, took issue with the word prank. "Murder is murder. Abu Turki didn't die, he was murdered, and attempts to claim it was a prank are unacceptable."

Hebron Governor Aziz Amr warned that "calm and stability will not prevail as long as Jewish settlers remain on our land."

PA Hebron police commander Brig.-Gen. Tarik Zeid said he met with Israeli police at the local station yesterday morning and was informed of the arrest of the two youths. He praised the cooperation and the rapid action taken by the Israel Police.

Last night, Labor and Social Welfare Minister Eli Yishai ordered the establishment of a committee to investigate the operations of the youth village.

Liat Collins contributed to this report.

Sharon denies inviting Levy back

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon and former foreign minister David Levy had a lengthy tete-a-tete in Tel Aviv on Monday in what was seen as part of the preparations for the second pullback.

Sources close to Levy said Sharon had asked Levy, in Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's name, to return to the position of foreign minister.

This triggered a flurry of speculations in the political system regarding a cabinet reshuffle to enable Netanyahu to pass a decision on the second pullback without losing his cabinet majority.

But sources from Sharon's office denied that Sharon had received such a message from Netanyahu or passed it on. The sources would not say what Levy and Sharon had discussed.

Levy said recently that until a decision is made on the pullback he would not comment on any offers to return to the cabinet.

Sharon also met with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai in Jerusalem yesterday for what was described as "a meeting on current affairs and daily matters." Sources from Sharon's office said the meeting had nothing to do with the differences of opinion between the two over the second pullback.

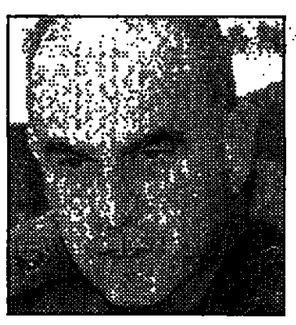
One source said "the disagreement is legitimate. It does not affect the cooperation of the two to advance national issues or the friendship between them."

Meanwhile, Netanyahu this week met with senior rabbis from Kiryat Arba who object to the pullout from the territories. This was part of the prime minister's efforts to persuade the leaders of the West Bank settlers to support the pullback.

In another development, Agudat Yisrael MKs threatened to leave the coalition unless Netanyahu fulfills his promises regarding the conversion bill by next week's meeting of its Council of Torah Sages.

Vilna'i declares himself civilian, to boycott farewells

By THOMAS O'DWYER



Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilna'i (IDF Spokesman)

Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilna'i yesterday startled participants at a Tel Aviv seminar on the attitudes of Israeli youth by appearing in civilian clothes.

"I am in civilian dress because they decided I am a civilian," said deputy chief of staff Vilna'i, who earlier confirmed he was boycotting all traditional farewell events marking his retirement after 36 years IDF service.

"If they decided I am a civilian, then I know the rules," added Vilna'i, who has been embroiled in a public row with his former army rival, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, who passed him over for the position of chief of staff.

Vilna'i earlier told reporters at the seminar that although his retirement is slated for August, he does not intend to wear a uniform again.

"I have drawn the line under my military career," he said.

In his talk, on the attitudes of the modern young soldier and the future of defense, Vilna'i refrained from further public references to his personal career, but fired thinly veiled barbs at the national leadership.

"Some basics are clear to everyone in the country," he said. "In this jubilee year we are still in peril. And we have a peace process. There are not many states in such a position."

Vilna'i said soldiers need more legitimacy for their orders today than in the past.

"Society asks questions, they ask questions," he said. "What is missing is leadership. Leadership is missing today, and these young people have to know what they are fighting for.

"There are no problems recruiting for combat units, but nothing must be taken for granted.... We are in an unprecedented situation, we should not assume things will progress in orderly fashion."

Quoting a 1947 comment by David Ben-Gurion, Vilna'i said, without additional comment: "'We believe we have the best defense force prepared for almost anything, but it is obsolete, it is not for tomorrow.'"

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From Israel's standpoint, he went on, this was tantamount to negotiating with ourselves. "This creates a dangerous situation. If this is the way they want to operate, then let the Americans provide them with the material they seek," he said, implying that only Israel could decide what territory to cede.

President Ezer Weizman said he was not promising a safety net to Netanyahu for the withdrawal decision, but that if the prime minister agrees on a pullback with the Palestinians that the public supports, then the Knesset should back him. Speculation about discussions of forming a national unity government were boosted yesterday by a report that Netanyahu had asked opposition leader Ehud Barak at their meeting last Friday whether there is a majority in Labor who would support a joint government.

Barak reportedly did not answer directly, saying Labor has one goal, to replace the present government.

Netanyahu also reportedly asked Barak whether Labor would provide him with a parliamentary safety net to ensure a Knesset majority for the pullback. Barak reportedly answered that he is not convinced the second pullback is imminent, and therefore sees no point in discussing how his party would vote.

In another development, former prime minister Shimon Peres and his wife, Sonia, had dinner with Barak and his wife, Nava, at the Baraks' home in Kochav Yair earlier this week.

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Under the proposal, youngsters could begin taking driving lessons at 16 and a half and receive a license by 17. They would have to drive for six months under the supervision of an experienced driver. Those who receive license at 17 and a half would have to do the same for two months.

The Knesset Economics Committee yesterday endorsed the first reading of the bill.

"This proposal is all wrong according to statistics from Israel and throughout the world," said Harris, "which show that the high-risk group is between the ages of 17 and 25... Furthermore, this will add to the congestion on the roads and only make the task of those trying to cut down the numbers of people killed and crippled for life on the roads just that much harder."

Harris said the proposal only serves "interest groups" such as car dealers, garages, insurance companies, gas station owners and the government which would earn more from increased road taxes.

"All this at the expense of the lives of youngsters and people who will be badly injured. We were denied the opportunity of giving our views at the committee meeting, so now we will launch a campaign to prevent this proposal becoming law," said Harris.

Road Safety Authority Director-General Shmuel Hershkovitz said that, although the age for a driver's license has been reduced, potential danger has also been reduced by the requirement to drive with an experienced driver for six months. This will infuse the new driver with proper knowledge of the road, thus reducing the amount of accidents, he said.

Even after the bill is passed, he added, Israel would still be conservative regarding its minimum driving age compared to the US and Europe. Eleven US states allow 16-year-olds to have a license. In France and Sweden, a 16-year-olds may drive with an adult.

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Israeli charged in murder of London TV model

By DOUGLAS DAVIS and DAVID RUDGE

A 21-year-old Israeli, Yaniv Malka, sobbed uncontrollably yesterday after appearing in a London court, where he was charged with murdering a well-known television model and film actress in her apartment Saturday night.

Malka, who was handcuffed and dressed in a white, forensic-type boiler suit, held his head in his hands and spoke only twice during his 10-minute court appearance – to confirm his name and that he lived in Israel. He did not apply for bail.

Following the appearance, Malka could be heard sobbing hysterically and saying: "She's waiting for me now", as he was led away to his cell.

Malka was arrested after being coaxed down from the roof of a tower block near the model's apartment building in the trendy London district of Islington. It is believed that cuts to his wrists were self-inflicted. He is now being held until his next court appearance on Tuesday under an around-the-clock suicide watch.

Sloe-eyed and sultry Kadamba Simmons, aged 24, who appears in television advertisements for Pantene shampoo, was strangled to death, her naked body found hanging in the shower of her apartment.

In Migdal Ha'emek, the family of Malka was still in a state of shock yesterday. Yaniv's father, schoolteacher Meir Malka, said he had only received one telephone call from him saying that he had been arrested.

"He's a boy who loves to be happy. I can't believe that he would be capable of anything like this," Malka told reporters.

The family is hoping to make arrangements to go to London.

"Our lives have been turned upside down and we won't be able to do anything until we find out what's happening," said Malka.

Simmons is the former girlfriend of a string of high-profile men, including the musician Liam Gallagher, from the group Oasis, former Bros singer Matt Goss, and British boxing champion Naseem Hamed.

After meeting Hamed in 1995, she converted to Islam so that they could be "spiritually closer". In an interview at the time, she said the boxer had "made me realize I can trust and respect a man again. For the first time in a long time, I feel safe, happy and loved".

The relationship did not last, however, and she subsequently made two trips to India in search of spiritual fulfillment.

It was on the last of those trips that she met Malka, who reportedly became infatuated with her and followed her back to London earlier this month. He had, apparently, been offered a job and accommodation by friends in London, but when they refused to pay him and threw him out of their apartment, he was forced to seek refuge in a hostel for the homeless.

In a recent interview, Simmons spoke of her ambition to be a film star by the age of 30 and of her fear of boredom. "If you want me," she said, "surprise me, shock me, disgust me, do something out of the blue, take me somewhere I have never been, tell me something I have never heard."

Doctor: Slim chance of pupil surviving

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

Amelia Cohen, the nine-year-old pupil who fell from a school's second-floor window on Tuesday, was still clinging to life late last night and was listed in critical condition at Hadassah University Hospital-Ein Kerem.

Doctors told Israel Radio yesterday that Cohen's chances of survival were very slim.

At the same time, a police inquiry and a five-man committee appointed by the Education Ministry continue to investigate to determine who was responsible for the accident at the Luria School in Jerusalem.

An issue central to the investigations is the lack of bars on the window from which Cohen fell.

Only a week ago, the principal of the school sent a letter to the Jerusalem Municipality, asking that the city replace the gates that had been removed last summer during renovations.

The city explained that the height of the window sill was adequate to meet standards, and that under the law, the protective gates were unnecessary. The city also said that the gates would only serve to give students a "bad feeling" of being closed in, and that it was better they were removed.

Yesterday, the city decided to reinstall the protective window gates.

Police, meanwhile, questioned several school employees "under warning." The head of the education committee of the Union of Local Authorities in Israel, Shmuel Abuav, said yesterday that the Education Ministry had made a 16 percent cut in the security budget this year, from NIS43.9 million to NIS36.9.

"The Education Ministry has to budget NIS150 million to refurbish and renovate old educational institutions that have grave security problems," Abuav said.

He said in a statement that the [illegible] the problem [illegible] demand the [illegible] item."



Education Ministry Director-General Ben-Zion Dell yesterday surveys the window from which nine-year-old pupil, Amelia Cohen, fell on Tuesday.

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

By ORLY AHARONI

In control

"The harsh firmness with which [Prime Minister Binyamin] Netanyahu silenced Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin Shahak did not add any dignity to the chief of general staff nor any glory to the prime minister," writes *Ma'ariv*'s Yosef Lapid, criticizing Netanyahu's conduct in last Sunday's cabinet session where Shahak was cut off by the prime minister during his report.

Lapid attributes Netanyahu's conduct to Shahak threatening his popularity.

Yediot Aharonot's Alex Fishman adds that the outburst was also a result of a chilly relationship between the two men and that Netanyahu had snapped.

Ben-Dror Yemini takes a different view in *Ma'ariv*. "The fact that Netanyahu has made a huge mistake in the way he is leading us all, does not automatically mean that he is mistaken in this incident," he writes, adding that military leaders should not be discussing politics.

Yediot's Ron Ben-Yishai says that "the government is the army's command and the chief of general staff is subordinate to it, according to the law, and not to the prime minister."

Matti Golan, also in *Yediot* disagrees and feels that although it is not smart to refuse to listen to a conflicting stand, it is the prime minister's prerogative, especially if he believes that the information might hinder the negotiations with the Palestinians.

He adds that any prime minister would have reacted similarly under these circumstances.

General dissatisfaction

Commentators address the disappointment of both Likud and Labor members with their party leaders.

"There is almost an absolute symmetry between the contending parties on a crucial point: leadership," writes *Ha'aretz*'s Ron Kislev. He maintains there is not one person in the Likud who does not believe that choosing Netanyahu was a grave mistake.

As for Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak, "he was chosen to head Labor not because of his political skills; like Netanyahu, the party members thought that he could bring him the highest number of votes."

Ya'acov Yona in *Ma'ariv* refers to Likud MKs Benny Begin, Dan Meridor and Tel Aviv Mayor Roni Milo who are Netanyahu's main adversaries. Yet, ironically, they were his biggest supporters during his campaign for premiership.

"Their criticism today against Netanyahu should be regarded within limits and with cynicism. Not that they are mistaken, but [the criticism] just came too late, especially from those who could have and were obligated to express it in the moment of truth, but preferred to crown Netanyahu."

Ran Adalist also in *Ma'ariv* believes that Netanyahu manages to preserve an aura of fame and respect because he surrounds himself with people that help him in public relations. Barak could do the same, he says.

"Barak is like a plane on the runway, ready to take off. He is the body but those surrounding him are the engines, meant to stir the air and allow him to fly."

Trance

Rafi Man criticizes Meretz MK Dedi Zucker in *Ma'ariv* for intervening on behalf of partygoers in Kfar Shmaryahu whose trance festivities were interrupted by police officers searching for drugs.

He argues that this is not the kind of issue "we would expect to find a Meretz member" defending.



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MKs ask about nuclear testing in Gulf of Eilat

By LIAT COLLINS

Two MKs yesterday asked in the Knesset whether Israel had recently secretly carried out nuclear testing. The two – Rafi Elul (Labor) and Abdul Wahab Darawshe (Democratic Arab Party) – apparently both based their questions on the claims of an Egyptian nuclear scientist, Tariq Nimr, that Israel is carrying out nuclear tests in the Gulf of Eilat.

Darawshe said the latest test – of a neutron bomb – was carried out on May 28 and resulted in earthquakes in the area.

According to the Seismological Institute, there was an earthquake on May 28 – but it was west of Alexandria along the Egyptian coast and was the result of natural seismological activity and not from nuclear testing.

Although Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom ignored the question when Elul raised it in the plenum, he later issued a statement noting that Israel is a signatory of the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and abides by it. He also called on other countries to join the test ban.

"Elul's charges are baseless," Shalom said.

"Israel has never carried out nuclear testing," said Dr. Ephraim Asculai, spokesman for the Israeli Atomic Energy Commission. He also said Israel abides by the test ban. Asculai said that the IAEC had not received any request from the International Atomic Energy Agency on the matter, although both Elul and Darawshe claimed that the international agency is investigating it.

Darawshe is calling on Israel to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, a demand Egypt has repeatedly raised. Elul's questions dealt mainly with the safety of the Negev Nuclear Research Center in Dimona.

In his answer on the safety issue, Shalom said the reactor is regularly examined and has been determined to be safe. The safety is checked by the safety division of the NNRC; the licensing branch of the Atomic Energy Commission; and the independent committee for nuclear safety.

He said half the nuclear research reactors in the world are the same age or older than Israel's.



Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon (left) accepts a copy of the Amnesty International report from local chairman Mickey Ehrlich at his office yesterday. (Isaac Harari)

Amnesty criticizes both Israel, PA

By DAN IZENBERG and AP

Eighteen Palestinians were shot dead by Israeli security forces in 1997, even though most of them appeared to pose no threat. In the autonomous areas, seven Palestinians died in detention and the torture of detainees appears to have been widespread.

These are some of the findings of the 1997 Amnesty International annual report on worldwide human rights violations. The report was released in London yesterday and a copy was delivered to Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon. With regard to Israel, Amnesty found that at least 1,900 administrative detention orders were served in 1997. Of these, 354 detainees remained in jail by the end of the year.

In one case, Marwan Ma'ali committed suicide in Megiddo Military Prison one month after being detained. Psychiatrists diagnosed Ma'ali as depressive with suicidal tendencies and recommended that he be released or hospitalized. Despite the circumstances, his administrative detention was extended by five months shortly before his suicide.

Amnesty found that Israeli security forces frequently beat Palestinians at checkpoints, during demonstrations, and immediately after arrest.

In July, border policemen stopped Mohammed Salah at a checkpoint, beat and kicked him, and left him in a ditch. The injuries he sustained included a broken nose and a wound requiring five stitches. No action appears to have been taken against the policemen, according to the report.

Amnesty found that the Palestinian Authority arrested 400 Palestinians in 1997 and that 115 political detainees from previous years were still in jail by the end of the year.

One of the seven Palestinians who died in PA custody was Yusef Bab, who died one month after his arrest by the *Istikhbarat*, one of the 11 different security services in the PA-controlled areas. His body showed severe burns, bruises, and rope marks.

Palestinian torture methods reported by Amnesty included beatings, sometimes while the prisoner was hanging by the wrists, and prolonged sleep deprivation.

In July, the PA appointed a new attorney-general, Fayez Abu Rahma, who promised to reexamine the files of 185 political detainees held since May 1994. The following month, he ordered the release of 11 detainees held for two years without charges or trial. As soon as they were released, they were rearrested by the Preventive Security Service and were still in jail by the end of the year.

Government spokesman Moshe Fogel said Amnesty failed to take into account the constant security threat faced by Israel from the belligerent Palestinian population it administers.

"It is unfair not to put these circumstances in their proper context, and that is one of a battlefield," he said. "It's the height of hypocrisy. Human and civil rights have been and will continue to be respected in spite of the combat situation which has been imposed upon Israel."

Hanan Ashrawi, minister of higher education in Arafat's cabinet and former head of a Palestinian human rights commission, said the Palestinians take the Amnesty report very seriously. "We will look at them, investigate them, acknowledge them if they exist, and punish those who are responsible," she said.

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A-Sanaa's bid to alter flag, anthem evokes ire in Knesset

By LIAT COLLINS

The blue-and-white national flag acted as a red flag yesterday when the Knesset heard a proposal by MK Taleb A-Sanaa (Arab Democratic Party) to change it to one with which Moslems and Christians can identify.

A-Sanaa also asked that the national anthem be altered.

The motion was defeated by a vote of 53-7 at the end of a stormy debate. All those in favor were members of the Democratic Arab Party and Hadash.

Labor and Meretz MKs voted against.

A-Sanaa suggested a crescent and cross be added to the Star of David on the flag.

"Just as the president represents all the country's citizens, Arabs and Jews, so should the flag and anthem represent all citizens and not just some of them," A-Sanaa said.

"One can say these are not the flag and anthem of the state but the flag and anthem of the Zionist movement since before the state was established," he added.

"Where do you find the Arabs in Hatikva, the national anthem?" he asked.

Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav, who heads the ministerial committee on symbols and ceremonies, and is also responsible for Arab affairs, urged the Arab population to respect the country's symbols.

"This is a Jewish state and will remain one," he said. He also noted that there had always been a Jewish presence in the Land of Israel.

"Can you conceive of a religious Jew in Switzerland not respecting the flag because of the cross on it?" he asked.

Shevah Weiss (Labor) suggested A-Sanaa drop the motion. "The State of Israel is called Israel and by this logic it should be called by a different name," Weiss said.

Agency plans to end immigrant tuition grant

By LIAT COLLINS

More than 10,000 immigrant students could find themselves without a tuition grant if the Jewish Agency follows through on its plan to halt support of the Students Authority.

The Immigration and Absorption Ministry and the Jewish Agency had each been supplying half the authority's $36 million budget. This year the Jewish Agency unexpectedly cut its support by $3.5m. and now it is expected to end its support altogether.

At an emergency meeting of the Ministerial Committee on Diaspora, Immigration and Absorption Affairs yesterday, Immigration and Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein and Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky used the word "painful" to describe the decision.

The committee presented a resolution under which the Immigration and Absorption Ministry would take over running the Students Authority and receive state funds to cover the costs. However, a representative of the Finance Ministry, Natasha Michaelov, said such a change would not be possible at this stage of the 1999 budget discussions.

Edelstein said the affects of the decision are being felt already because the universities have announced they will not allow the immigrant students to register for the preparatory courses in August because they cannot be sure they will receive payment.

Michael Rosenberg, head of the Jewish Agency's Immigration and Absorption Department, said at the moment "the trend is to drastically reduce" the funds, although he could not state whether this means cutting them altogether or paying just a symbolic amount.

The Jewish Agency's plan to withdrawal support of the Students Authority apparently follows a decision by its board of directors to cuts funds in Israel in several areas.

According to Immigration and Absorption Ministry deputy director-general Hanoch Zamir, the decision would mainly affect immigrant students, who would not be able to complete their studies and graduate.

Many young immigrants from the CIS postponed their academic studies to do military service on the understanding their tuition fees would be covered later by the Students Authority.

"Now they now stand to lose this aid," said Ze'ev Gaizel, an adviser to the prime minister on immigration.

The largest number of students affected comes from eastern Europe and the CIS (7,165); 830 come from western Europe: 464 come from North America; and 590 come from Latin America.

More than 1,000 Ethiopian immigrants also will suffer from the cuts. Nearly 60 percent of the immigrant students are pursuing degrees in the fields of science and technology.

"I don't need to tell you what this means in terms of future development," Zamir said.

Eighty percent of the authority's budget goes on tuition fees and the rest is spent on extra academic help, information and counseling, social and cultural activities, maintenance of dormitories, and stipends.

Roman finds unearthed under Rambam Hospital

By DAVID RUDGE

Archeologists have uncovered remains of a settlement dating back to the late Roman and Byzantine period, literally under the floor of Haifa's Rambam Hospital.

A mosaic floor, that apparently formed part of a container for storing liquids or for a wine press, was discovered under the hospital's radiology department during renovations and expansion work.

That discovery only came about because of excavations at another part of the hospital complex where new operating theaters are to be built.

Dror Barchard, archaeologist for the Antiquities Authority's Haifa district, said that the building work had uncovered archeological remains.

He said the construction work was stopped, in accordance with the law, to enable exploratory excavations to take place at the site. It will be decided later whether the finds warrant a full scale rescue excavation before the actual construction work can resume.

So far, the digging at this site, which started three weeks ago, has unearthed pottery shards, coins, storage jars, glassware and walls of a building, all of which date back to the Byzantine and late Roman period. Some remains from the Hellenistic period, around the third century BCE were also found.

Until now, little has been known about ancient Haifa other than from written records which noted that there was a settlement there from the Hellenistic period, through Roman and Byzantine eras, the Arab and Crusader periods and the reign of the Ottoman Empire.

Police to check if Neeman needs guard after threats made on his life

Police investigations chief Cmdr. Yossi Sadbon has asked the head of the General Security Service, Ami Ayalon, to examine whether Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman should be given personal protection following threats against his life.

An anonymous letter sent to Neeman recently said a large part of the public considers him a traitor.

It cursed him with cancer and used words like dog, Nazi and murderer.

The threat also said that Neeman shames the kippa he wears as a religious Jew.

Neeman's stand on the conversion bill and his attempts to get more haredim to join the workforce has angered some haredim.

KNESSET BRIEFS

By LIAT COLLINS

MK Benny Elon (Moledet) said Merom's statements were untrue and based on the past involvement of Lapid's mother, Miriam Lapid, with a right-wing party.

Speaker Dan Tichon calmed the MKs down by promising that the matter would be discussed next week.

Uproar over Bar-Ilan student elections

An uproar broke out in the Knesset plenum yesterday when MK Haggai Merom (Labor) condemned the election of Meir Lapid as head of the Bar-Ilan University Students Union.

Merom accused Lapid, who lost a father and a brother in an attack outside Kiryat Arba five years ago, of being a Kach supporter and writing a poem in praise of Baruch Goldstein.

He also blasted the university as an educational failure.

Prayers at the Western Wall

Responding to motions by haredi MKs on non-orthodox worship at the Western Wall, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said that the matter is being discussed in the High Court and that attempts were being made to find a spot in the Western Wall plaza where non-Orthodox prayers could be held.

He said that the High Court had determined that the attorney-general should try to find a compromise.

MK Benny Elon (Moledet) noted that the High Court case related to the Women of the Wall and not non-Orthodox services although it could probably set a precedent for this issue as well.

Tender competition

A bill proposing that government companies which fail to allow Israeli companies to compete in tenders be punished by being barred from participating in local tenders themselves, was passed yesterday on a preliminary reading.

The bill was filed by MK Yona Yahav (Labor).

Australian support

The Speaker of the Australian Parliament, Ian Sinclair, led a parliamentary delegation to the Knesset yesterday where he was met by a full guard of honor.

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon, in a speech to the guests in the plenum, said, "Australia was one of the supporter of the partition plan in 1947 and has stood by Israel throughout the intervening years in friendship and understanding."

Tichon said there is room to expand and improve trade and economic relations.

"Much has been done, but it is not enough. The geographical distance is no longer an obstacle. Israel can offer Australia assistance in areas important to your country such as agriculture, land conservation, water, high tech industry, multimedia and so on."

MANBAR

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Reading from the 80-page decision, Judge Amnon Strashnov, who headed a panel of three, said that Manbar "has been found guilty of giving information to the enemy, and aiding the enemy in its war against Israel."

Manbar denied wrongdoing and said he coordinated his sales to Iran with agents of the General Security Service.

"If I am guilty so are at least 200 people. Maybe I am guilty of naivete, but definitely not of trying to harm the country," Manbar told reporters.

"Another 100 or 200 people should have been convicted with me – directors of factories, industry. Why me?" he asked after the conviction, describing himself as a needle which security authorities picked out of a haystack.

Manbar told the court that he "had heard of other Israeli companies doing business with Iran" and didn't think his supplies were being used for military purposes.

"During that period, no one thought there were any problems with that country," Manbar also said.

Strashnov said Manbar lied repeatedly to the court and tampered with evidence to cover up his business dealings with Iran.

"He played a double game, supplying the Iranians with components for weapons of mass destruction, while deliberately misleading the Shin Bet regarding his business deals," the judge said.

The judges rejected an argument made by Manbar's attorney, Amnon Zichroni, that Iran is not an enemy state since war has never been declared between Israel and that Islamic nation.

According to Itim, Manbar maintained he had signed a 1992 mustard gas deal only fictitiously as a means for his contact, Majed Abasbur, the head of Iran's chemical weapons program, to extract money from the Iranian budget.

Zichroni reportedly said that Iran wasn't considered an enemy at the time and that his client had been promised immunity from prosecution.

"We don't accept the conclusions... there is an appeals court and it is near certain an appeal will be submitted," Zichroni said.

According to the charge sheet, Manbar met several times in Europe with his contact, Abasbur, identified in the indictment as head of the "Iranian chemical warfare project," and signed a contract with him.

The indictment said that 150 tons of materials for weapons production were delivered by 24 trucks to Iran from an undisclosed location in Europe.

The judges found that Manbar did not heed a warning from Israeli security officials in 1993 to cut all business dealings with Iran.

In July 1994, the US State Department said Manbar and two of his companies violated a US trade embargo against Iran, and Manbar was barred from the US.

Israeli newspapers reported last year that US officials asked Israel to stop Manbar's activities and the CIA provided new information to Israel on Manbar's links with Iran.

Parts of the indictment and yesterday's judgment were not released publicly for reasons of state security.

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Nimrodi confesses in plea bargain

Ma'ariv chairman Ofer Nimrodi confessed yesterday as part of a plea bargain to wiretapping senior editors of *Yediot Aharonot* four years ago.

Under the plea bargain presented to the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday, six of the 16 charges against Nimrodi will be dropped.

The prosecution has asked that Nimrodi be sentenced to eight months' imprisonment plus a 10-month suspended sentence that would be imposed for any violations committed in the coming three years. The prosecution also asked that he be fined NIS 1,100,600, the maximum fine for his crimes.

Nimrodi has asked for a suspended sentence.

Charges for obstructing the investigation will be dropped, as will those for ordering wiretaps on several people, including Eli Ze'ira, who has sued *Ma'ariv* for libel, and Giora Gilat, who now heads *Yediot's* computer department and formerly held that position at *Ma'ariv*.

Nimrodi still will be convicted of violating the law regulating wiretaps, ordering wiretaps illegally, illegal use of wiretapping equipment, and disrupting court proceedings.

Nimrodi has confessed to ordering taps on the phone lines of *Yediot* editors Arnon Mozes, Moshe Vardi, Ruth Ben-Ari, Miriam Mozes and Yanoun Angel and *Yediot* business manager Haim Rozenberg. He also had a tap put on the fax machines at Geocartography, which was doing marketing research for *Yediot*, and a company that was sharing an office with the accounting firm *Yediot* used.

Nimrodi had *Ma'ariv's* security officer, David Ronen, hire two private investigators to tap the telephones, cellular phones and fax machines. Ronen has confessed to this, as part of a plea bargain.

After the two private investigators, Rafi Friedan and Ya'acov Tsur, were arrested, Nimrodi paid them almost $250,000 in hush money.

The court also will be presented with the plea bargain Ronen has agreed to, under which he would be sentenced to six month's community service, a six-month suspended sentence, and NIS 100,000 fine. (Itim)

Michal Yudelman adds:

Nimrodi was not in his office during the day yesterday and could not be reached for comment on the plea bargain. The newspaper did not issue an official response.

Senior *Ma'ariv* staff members said there was nothing to add to their initial reaction of surprise earlier this month, when they learned Nimrodi had decided to plead guilty.

Channel 1 news commentator Amnon Abramovitz, who resigned from *Ma'ariv* over the telephone wiretapping, said yesterday, "I have only one thing to say. I'm the last person who should be commenting today."



Ofer Nimrodi appears in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday. (Israel Sun)

NEWS *in brief*

Jordache owners to build peace monument

Jimmy Carter was born too late to be immortalized on Mount Rushmore, but the former US president's image will soon be chiseled into a cliff in the Negev. The Nakash brothers, owners of the Jordache Jeans company, plan to erect a monument to the signatories of the 1979 peace agreement between Israel and Egypt – Carter, Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat. Avi Nakash said yesterday that a $10 million park will be built around the monument in Ramat Hanegev, with Carter and the families of Begin and Sadat to attend the cornerstone-laying ceremony in October. *AP*

Mordechai one of world's best defense ministers

The Washington-based *Defense Daily*, a well respected newsletter in the US, has named Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai as one of the world's seven most influential defense ministers. The American security research magazine's editors and reporters drew up a list of 40 people around the world who are considered most influential in the field of security and defense. The list included the defense ministers of the United States, Britain, France, Australia, China, and Germany. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

PM's approval expected for capital expansion

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is expected to give the green light today to the plan to annex land west of the capital.

While Netanyahu and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert view it as a move to strengthen Jerusalem, opponents see it as a land-grab. The plan will next be passed on to the cabinet, which is expected to ratify it, and then to the Knesset. Settlements around Jerusalem issued a statement yesterday saying the city will not be able to provide adequate services to them. The Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel says the plan will ruin the landscape around Jerusalem. *Elli Wohlgelernter*

Cyprus man receives heart transplant at Sheba

Andreo Miltides, a 65-year-old man from Cyprus with a terminal heart disorder, received a heart at Sheba Hospital on Tuesday, that had been taken from a 35-year-old Cypriot woman who died in a road accident. The Tel Hashomer hospital benefits from a three-year-old agreement in which the government of Cyprus provides organs to Israel. Miltides was rushed by plane to Sheba, where Drs. Ami Scheinfeld and Eran Segal began the operation, later to be joined by Dr. Ya'acov Lavie, head of Sheba's heart transplant unit, who brought the heart from Cyprus. As of yesterday the patient was reported as feeling fine. *Judy Siegel*

Insulin 'sniffing' offers breakthrough in treatment of diabetes – experts

By JUDY SIEGEL and The Los Angeles Times

Insulin-dependent diabetics here and abroad will enjoy a "revolution" in treatment in two years, when insulin in powdered form becomes available for "sniffing" via the mouth into the lungs instead of most injections.

Prof. Itamar Raz, head of the Israel Diabetes Association and a diabetes expert at Hadassah-University Hospital Ein Kerem, yesterday confirmed foreign reports of the technique's efficacy. He said it will be a boon to the 10,000 Israelis with Type I or Type II diabetes who are dependent on insulin (2,000 of whom inject themselves regularly).

"There are also many diabetics who avoid insulin injections because they're afraid of them. The inhaled-insulin approach will be very convenient," he said, "and it's been shown to be as effective as injections."

Success of the first clinical trials using inhaled powdered insulin was disclosed at a meeting of the American Diabetes Association in Chicago this week. Dr. William Cefalu of the University of Vermont, who led one of the studies, said: "These studies present the first evidence that there are true alternative ways to administer insulin."

The technique, in which the life-saving hormone is sucked through the mouth into the lungs and rapidly absorbed into the bloodstream to control blood sugar levels, was called a "breakthrough" by Dr. Michael Bush, a diabetes expert in Beverly Hills, California. Developed by Inhaled Therapeutic Systems of San Carlos, California, it has been shown to cause no harm to the lungs.

Type I (juvenile-onset) diabetics currently need to inject themselves several times a day, while Type II diabetics control their condition by diet and drugs and some of them need occasional insulin injections, especially as they age and drugs become less effective.

The final phase of the trials on 1,000 patients will begin in the US this fall, and the product can be on the market in two years.

Insulin can't be swallowed because it is destroyed by acids in the digestive system. Sniffing through the nose caused dosing problems, irritation in the nasal passages and erratic absorption of the hormone – especially if the patient had a cold.

But the new system, using a small device that allows the user to suck the controlled-release fine powder through the mouth into the lungs, just requires normal breathing. Besides avoiding needles, the powder can be kept anywhere, unlike injectible insulin, which has to be refrigerated.

Studies showed that blood sugar levels in diabetics who used the powder were identical to those who injected themselves. Type 1 patients will still have to give themselves a single injection of slow-acting insulin before going to bed.

Iran not yet ready to reconcile with Israel

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

While Teheran understands that the road to easing US sanctions against Iran goes through Israel, the Iranian government is not yet ready to reconcile with the Jewish state, a former security aide from the US Reagan Administration said yesterday.

Geoffrey Kemp of the Nixon Center for Peace and Freedom think-tank in Washington, said in a speech at a conference held in Herzliya to mark the 20th anniversary of the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, that a US policy of political containment toward Teheran has failed.

"The US found itself alone in its desire to politically isolate Iran," Kemp said. He added that American sanctions did, however, damage Iran's oil industry.

"Iranians understand that the easiest way to reduce sanctions and influence Congress is to improve relations with Israel, but they can't yet do it at this time," Kemp said.

He said that although American-Iranian relations are slowly improving it will take time before the Iranian government is ready to talk formally in a bilateral context with Washington.

Controversial Haifa project to continue

By DAVID RUDGE

Work is to continue on the second phase of the controversial Carmel Beach Towers hotels complex along Haifa's coast in accordance with a decision of the National Building and Planning Commission.

The commission on Tuesday reaffirmed the permit granted for the construction of the Pearl, an apartment-hotel, alongside the existing Coral Hotel at Hof Hacarmel, said a spokesman for the builders, the Carmel Beach company.

Conservationists, while conceding that the commission had enabled more building at the hotel itself, said they had scored a victory because it also ruled against additional building nearby.

The spokesman for the building company said the commission had effectively rejected the appeal.

He said the company now intends to resume sales of the 181 units in the apartment-hotel, around 50 of which had been sold prior to an injunction imposed by the court pending the decision of the national building and planning commission.

Bilha Givon, head of the coastline and maritime division of the Society for the Protection of Nature, said the commission's ruling meant that a proposed extension including more shops, a restaurant, dinning room and additional apartments would not be able to go ahead.

The conservationists had appealed against the project's construction, which has been under way for several months, on the grounds that it breaches coastline building and planning regulations. This, despite its being approved previously by the local, regional and national planning commissions.

The appeal was initially lodged with the Haifa District Court, which referred the matter back to the National Building and Planning Commission for a decision to be made.

Jewish groups to boycott talks with Swiss banks

By MARILYN HENRY and news agencies

Jewish organizations are apparently prepared to boycott negotiations next week in Washington with Switzerland's three major commercial banks, maintaining that their offer to settle Holocaust-era claims is unacceptably low, according to published accounts.

American public finance officials have again raised the prospect of imposing sanctions against Swiss banks.

Credit Suisse, Union Bank of Switzerland and the Swiss Bank Corporation face three class-action lawsuits in the US for some $20 billion, and parallel demands from the World Jewish Congress for "moral and material restitution."

A settlement among the banks, survivors' lawyers and representatives of Jewish organizations had appeared imminent two weeks ago, around the time when Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, had been quoted by *The Forward* weekly as saying that the banks would agree to a settlement of about $3 billion.

Despite a confidentiality agreement intended to ensure the privacy of the talks, a series of leaks have estimated the expected settlement amount as between $1 billion and $1.6 billion.

Later it was said, however, that this sum would likely include funds already intended for resolving other war-era claims, including payments to survivors and heirs of dormant Swiss accounts and administrative expenses for the forensic audit of Swiss banks.

As a result, the actual cash settlement offer could turn out to be in the vicinity of only $500 million.

The next settlement talks are scheduled for June 23 in Washington. The talks, mediated by US Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat, began last December. They were launched under the threat of sanctions by US public finance officials, who have threatened at three-month intervals to withdraw public funds from Swiss banks and to limit Swiss participation in bond offerings.

Eizenstat has repeatedly said that sanctions are unwarranted and would be counterproductive. A committee of state and local financial officers, headed by New York City Comptroller Alan Hevesi, is to meet on July 1 in New York to decide whether to lift a moratorium it placed on sanctions against Swiss banks.

The finance officers however have seen their clout diminished by disunity and competition within their ranks. The New Jersey legislature, for example, already passed its own sanctions measure, independent of the deadline suggested by Hevesi's committee.

Hevesi also heads the Jewish fraternal group Bnai Zion, which belongs to the WJC.

The WJC has dangled the prospect of sanctions for two years.

Wiesenthal: Report that Swiss supported the Nazis biased

VIENNA (Reuters) – Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal yesterday dismissed as biased a report bearing his name which condemns neutral Switzerland as a land of Nazi sympathizers during World War Two.



Simon Wiesenthal (Elli Wohlgelernter)

In a telephone interview, Wiesenthal said the report by US historian Alan Schom, which was produced by the Los Angeles-based Wiesenthal Center, painted an unbalanced picture of wartime Switzerland.

"To paint a real picture and a true picture, you must talk about the minuses and about the pluses," he said from his office in Vienna.

The report, based largely on two sets of minutes of meetings between a top government official and a pro-Nazi group, and on a border patrol circular on immigration, accuses the Swiss government of helping the Nazis choke off a flight from Germany.

Asked if the report, "Survey of Nazi and Pro-Nazi Groups in Switzerland, 1930-1945", was substantial enough to say that most Swiss sympathized with the Nazis and not the Allies, Wiesenthal replied: "No, absolutely not."

"When you do something because you are worried about being occupied, that is not a matter of sympathy." According to one document, in the minutes of a 1942 meeting, Eduard von Steiger of the Swiss Ministry of Justice discussed with the Swiss Fatherland Association the idea of "enlightening" the Swiss people to the dangers of immigration.

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ISRAEL AIRPORTS AUTHORITY
BEN GURION 2000 PROJECT
Public Tender no. C40100 52
Airside Siteworks Civil Contract
The Israel Airports Authority (IAA) hereby requests proposals from qualified Offerors meeting the below listed Pre-Conditions for the Construction of the Airside Siteworks Civil Work for the Ben Gurion 2000 Project. The Work of this Contract generally includes managing and performing the finish grading, sub-base preparation, asphalt paving, concrete hardstands, extension of jet-fuel piping system, and selected utilities in the Airside of the new terminal.
Preliminary Mandatory Requirements: This list summarizes the Pre-Conditions for an Offeror's Proposal to be Considered by the IAA. Only the complete language of the Pre-Conditions as stated in the RFP is binding. This text may be obtained by written request, submitted on company letterhead, to the PMF facsimile number stated below.
1. Offeror shall be registered with the Contractors Registrar of the State of Israel under the classification of Group C, Branch 200, Type 5 (Unlimited). A foreign Offeror shall provide the information required in the RFP, Exhibit A.
2. Offeror's minimum annual revenue from construction work in each of the last three (3) years was not less than the equivalent of Thirty Five Million U.S. Dollars ($35 Million).
3. Offeror's records must indicate, for each of the last three (3) years, the cost paid directly for labor for at least eighty (80) persons (annual average).
4. Offeror has completed a minimum of :
   a. Two (2) asphalt road projects of the equivalent of Eight Million Dollars ($8 Million) within the last five (5) years; and
   b. One (1) concrete apron project of at least 100,000 square meters in size, within the last five (5) years.
5. Offeror shall meet the staffing and personnel experience requirements specified in the RFP, Exhibit A.
6. Offeror shall meet the registration requirements for a legal entity stated in the RFP, Exhibit A.
7. Offeror shall meet the VAT and Israeli Tax Authorities' registration requirements stated in the RFP, Exhibit A.
8. Offeror shall provide an unconditional Bank Guarantee in the amount of Fifteen (15) Million New Israeli Shekels (NIS), valid for a minimum of ninety (90) days from the Proposal Submission date, as specified in the RFP, Exhibit E.
9. Joint Ventures are allowed to participate in the Tender in accordance with the conditions stated in the RFP, Part B, Section 2 and Exhibit A.
10. Offeror, if a foreign entity, shall sign a Commercial Cooperation Undertaking.
Additional Preliminary requirements:
participation in the Tender Process id subject to the Offeror's satisfying all Preliminary Requirements as detailed in the Mandatory Tender Regulations (1993), Clause 6 (a), (1), (2) and (3).
Proposal Documents: Tender Documents may be purchased until the Proposal Submission Date for the non-refundable amount of Nineteen Thousand, Five Hundred New Israeli Shekels (19,500 NIS), including VAT.
Tender Documents are available from the Project Management Firm (PMF) Project Office located at Ben Gurion Airport starting 15 June, 1998 between the hours of 09:00 and 12:00, business days (Sunday through Thursday). Interested Offerors must contact the PMF Contracts Administrator, Mr. Amnon Yoshpe at telephone number: 972-3-977-4464 (fax no. 972-3-971-2956) a minimum of 48 hours in advance to arrange site access. Interested parties may preview the Tender Documents prior to their purchase.
All qualifying Proposals shall be delivered in sealed enveloped/packages not later than 10:00 hours local time on or before 4 August, 1998, to the appropriate tender box located in the Archive of the Airports Authority, Main Office, 2nd Floor, Room No. 113, Ben Gurion International Airport, Israel.
A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at the Ben Gurion 2000 Project Site Offices on 24 June 1998 at 12:00 to clarify provisions in the RFP documents, to summarize and present the Project and to respond to written questions posed by Offerors. Offerors are strongly encouraged to attend, but participation is not mandatory. Site access must be arranged in advance as stated in the RFP.
The IAA is not bound to accept the lowest Proposal or any Proposal whatsoever.

What next in Iraq?

A UN-Iraq agreement to try and complete the search for Iraqi weapons of mass destruction within two months shows the end of sanctions against Iraq is near.

So what's next?

The stage is presently being set for the next crisis, probably in July and August, when the UN considers whether and how to pressure Iraq and ensure destruction of its weapons of mass destruction.



Chief UN weapons' inspector Richard Butler was in Iraq this week working on verification. The Iraqis are demanding that all inspections and sanctions end within a few months. "This will be the last round in *the negotiations*," said an Iraqi official.

The problems in checking the status of Iraq's nuclear, chemical and biological weaponry are complex, but can be summarized in a few simple principles.

In many cases, Iraq claims that it destroyed these weapons, unobserved by any outsiders. The credibility of this assertion is undermined, however, by repeated discoveries that Iraq was lying. The truth was uncovered by inspectors, by satellite photographs, by slips made by Iraqi officials or scientists during interviews, but most often from information supplied by Iraqi defectors.

When Iraq's version is contradicted by evidence, Iraq simply produces a new story.

In contrast to hiding the *afikoman*, Iraq doesn't want the weapons and components to be found. Consequently, it permits searches where arms and incriminating documents are nonexistent, and denies permission to look where things are concealed.

For example, according to Butler, "From 1991 to 1995, Iraq categorically denied it had a biological weapons program." Only after the UN inspectors produced contradicting evidence in 1995 did Iraq acknowledge that such a program once existed. The new version – submitted with altered documents – was that far fewer substances were produced than indicated by records on raw materials imports and other production activities.

While continuing efforts to force Iraqi compliance, now is the time to plan seriously for a post-sanctions situation. It is extremely unlikely that Saddam Hussein will try to turn the clock back to 1990, when he invaded Kuwait, or to 1980, when he attacked Iran. His short-term model is more likely to be the mid-1980s, when Iraq presented a kinder, gentler face to woo Western and Gulf Arab support for its war against Teheran.

What course, then, is Iraqi policy likely to take and how should the West or Israel respond?

• Iraq and investment: Ending sanctions should spark a rush of Western companies to invest in and sell to Iraq, complete with optimistic assessments for rapid economic development. But this could be misleading. Low prices and an oversupply of oil would give Saddam far less money than a few years ago. Moreover, risk and uncertainty – including the Iraqi government's own volatility — could discourage completion of actual deals.

• Iraq and the peace process: Iraq would probably be another Arab voice not only pessimistic about the peace process, but outright against it. Yasser Arafat would have to balance his love for Iraq with Baghdad's criticism of his policies.

• Iraq and Israel: Prospects for Israel-Iraq rapprochement are near zero, but a direct Iraqi threat to Israel would be almost equally unlikely. Baghdad could only menace Israel using weapons that it must claim not to have, and won't have for some years. If Iraq tries too quickly to reassert its claim to lead an Arab struggle against Israel, the resulting suspicion among Arab states could undermine its reacceptance by them.

• Iraq and the Gulf Arabs: While ostensibly Saudi Arabia and other Gulf Arab states would greet Saddam's comeback with a handshake, they will also be shaking in their boots. Better relations with Teheran and even with Israel – if there is some progress in the peace process – will seem more attractive.

• Iraq and Iran: Similarly, a bigger Iraqi threat might promote more moderation in Iran, which could view improved relations with the US as far more urgent. At the same time, a rearmed and reactivated Iraq would motivate Iran to step up its own programs to build weapons of mass destruction. Despite articles about Baghdad-Teheran cooperation or new friendliness, don't be deceived. The two states will remain real enemies and another war between them remains possible.

• Iraq and the Kurds: Within about 18 months, Saddam's armies would march back into the Kurdish areas of northern Iraq. Hundreds of thousands of Kurds would try to flee. The West would do little to help them and nothing at all to stop Iraq from crushing their autonomy. This crisis would set a bad precedent for Western credibility in the region or deterrence of Iraq.

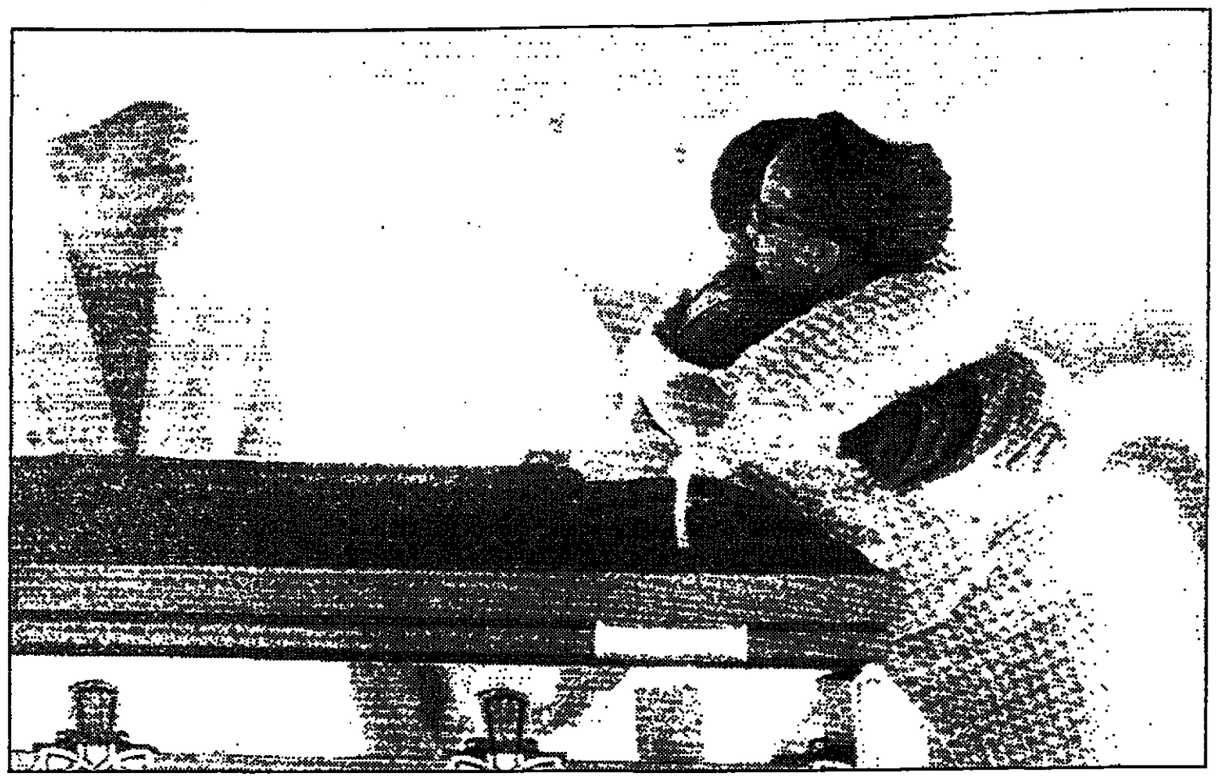
• Iraq's secret weapons' programs: These would be restarted, but Baghdad might put a lower priority on them for a couple of years, in terms of resources and taking risks, until it feels more secure.

While anti-proliferation efforts would not be completely effective, the time Iraq needs to obtain these arms would be extended, especially in the case of nuclear weapons, from a year or two to six or more years.

Hate crime's latest peak

America is dumbfounded by the brutal murder of a disabled black passerby in Texas

By SUE ANNE PRESSLEY



Mourners embrace next to the casket of James Byrd Jr. last week in Jasper, Texas. Three white men have been charged with killing Byrd by chaining him to a pickup truck and dragging him along a rural east Texas road. (AP)

JASPER, Texas – They were three troubled men out riding and drinking on a Saturday night.

John William King, 23, was the trio's unofficial leader, a foul-mouthed convicted burglar whose prison nickname was "Possum." Shawn Allen Berry, also 23, was King's former high school classmate and partner in crime. Lawrence Russell Brewer, 31, had served seven years on a cocaine conviction, released on condition he be treated for an undisclosed mental illness. All three had tattoos or personal items with the special markings of the white supremacist.

Before the night was over, authorities charge, the men sank to the depths of brutality, committing a murder so cruel and unthinkable that it has shocked residents of this East Texas town of 7,200 as well as the rest of the nation, drawn words of condemnation from President Clinton and left everyone asking what brought them to such a dark place.

After stopping in the wee hours of Sunday to give a ride to James Byrd Jr., 49, a disabled black man they saw walking on a downtown street, the men drove Byrd to a deserted country road, beat and kicked him, then chained him by his ankles to the back of their pickup and dragged him so violently that his head and right arm were wrenched from his body. Police found Byrd's dentures, torn from his mouth, lying on the road. Blood smeared a trail a mile long.

The men were arrested later Sunday. But since then, through the media storm and the public outcry, only one of them – Berry, who also has cooperated with police and described the crime in an affidavit – has shown any remorse, according to Jasper County Sheriff Billy Rowles. Brewer and King wore sullen, tough expressions as deputies led them into the courthouse this week, their orange jail jumpsuits covered with bullet-proof vests.

"Hate got into some young men," said Mayor R.C. Horn, who is black, grasping for an explanation.

Relatives of the three largely have refused to discuss the incident. In a letter of apology sent to the Fox News Channel, King's father, Ronald, who lives in Jasper, said to kill another "in such a manner is beyond any kind of reasoning. It hurts me deeply to know that a boy I raised and considered to be the most loved boy I knew could find it in himself to take a life."

A cousin of King's by marriage told reporters she never heard him use racial epithets as a youth, but was shocked recently when she ran into him in a local convenience store and saw that he was covered with tattoos, some apparently employing racist symbols. In a brief interview early this week with the Associated Press, Brewer's mother, Helen Brewer of Sulphur Springs, suggested that drinking had sent the men over the edge. "I couldn't do a dog that way," she said. "That just shows you what alcohol can do."

In certain basic ways, the three men matched the stereotype of perpetrators of hate crimes, according to experts who track such behavior. All three were high school dropouts who did not seem able to hold steady jobs, working variously as yard workers and lumber company employees; they were about to be evicted from the modest apartment they shared across from the local Wal-Mart. But perhaps most significant in their downward spiral were the racist influences they apparently encountered – and embraced – in prison.

Larry Fitzgerald, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said all three men, while serving time, were suspected of belonging to the Ku Klux Klan and the Confederate Knights of America.

But he could not confirm that they belonged to the Aryan Brotherhood, considered the most violent of prison hate groups. King, who was serving a sentence for burglary, was disciplined in 1995 for his involvement in a racial disturbance between whites and Hispanics at his prison unit, Fitzgerald said.

"We find the reason most people join a group like that is for support, for safety, protection. And birds of a feather flock together, of course," Fitzgerald said, adding that out of a Texas prison population of 142,785, nearly 5,000 inmates have been identified as having hate-group affiliations.

Authorities have not described the racist tattoos allegedly covering the men's skin, but Fitzgerald said the Aryan Brotherhood symbol involves the use of the initials, "AB," often intertwined or partially covered by other tattoos. A triangular-shaped symbol, actually the convergence of three K's, is the recognized symbol for the Klan. A cigarette lighter found at the murder scene that police say belonged to King had such a symbol etched on it.

In his statement to police, Berry also supplied a clue about the depth of King's racist beliefs. "We're starting 'the Turner Diaries' early," King allegedly said while dragging Byrd's body behind the truck. *The Turner Diaries*, a fictional account of race war in America, is seen as the bible of hate groups and apparently inspired convicted Oklahoma City bomber Timothy J. McVeigh.

"That's a pretty sophisticated statement for a racist to make; that's not a flippant statement," said Morris Dees of the Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks hate groups. "First of all, these men were drunk. But secondly, they were basically racists at heart and they had been influenced by Klan and neo-Nazi propaganda."

Dees and others – including Jasper officials and civil rights leader Jesse L. Jackson, who held a prayer meeting here and will return to preach at Byrd's funeral Saturday – have been quick to say the horrific crime could have happened anywhere and is no reflection on Jasper, which is near the Louisiana border 100 miles northeast of Houston. Forty-five percent of the residents of this prosperous lumber town are black, and several of its elected officials, in addition to the mayor, are black.

"There's nothing we see in this town that caused this to happen," Dees said. "It's a Southern town with built-in biases, but it's not a racist town." Nor is Texas a particular center for hate crimes, he said, although the general area of East Texas long has been a hotbed of Klan activity. Jasper lies 55 miles north of Vidor, where a Klan group in 1993 tried to prevent the integration of an all-white public housing development. Six of the 18 hate groups identified by Dees's agency as operating in Texas are headquartered in the eastern part of the state.

But Florida, with 48 identified hate groups, California, with 35, and even Illinois, with 26, outpace Texas.

According to FBI statistics, 10,702 hate crimes were reported in America in 1996, including 11 homicides. Because such crimes are erratically reported, Dees said, it is difficult to say whether they are on the increase. But hate groups are growing. In 1997, 474 hate groups were identified as operating in the United States, he said, a 20 percent jump over 1996.

What set the three Jasper men off is not yet fully known. It simply may have been a case of unfortunate circumstances, too much to drink, nothing to do, a lone black man on a dark street giving shape to all the thoughts the men had absorbed in prison.

Keshia Adkins, whom police identified as a girlfriend of King, told police she left King's apartment around 2 a.m. Sunday; the three men said they were leaving to visit a girl in the northern part of the county. Jasper resident Steve Scott said he saw Byrd, who did not own a car and was known to go everywhere in town on foot, walking down the street around 2:30 a.m.; a few minutes later, he noticed a gray late-model truck pass his home, with Byrd sitting in the back, and two or three white men in the front.

Shawn Berry told police in the affidavit he recognized Byrd and offered him a ride, upsetting King. After stopping at a convenience store, King took the wheel and eventually turned down a dirt road.

When Berry asked King what he was doing, he replied that he wanted to give a "scare" to Byrd, whom he referred to with a racial slur.

King stopped the truck. Berry said, then King and Brewer got out and began beating Byrd until he was nearly unconscious. Alarmed, Berry said he ran a short distance away. A few minutes later, he came back and got in the truck, and King started to drive away, noting that Byrd was "bouncing all over the place." Not knowing what King was talking about, Berry said he turned and saw to his horror that the man was being dragged by a chain behind the truck.

Berry said he immediately asked King to let him out of the truck, but said King gave him a warning, "You're just as guilty as we are." Berry said King told him.

Authorities have said the men were drinking. That may have made them careless about covering their tracks. At the murder scene, police found, in addition to Byrd's wallet, shirt and tennis shoes, a number of items: the cigarette lighter with the Klan symbol, several unopened beers, a compact disc by the rock group Kiss, and a wrench with Berry's name etched on it. A spatter of blood was found on the undercarriage of the truck.

(The Washington Post)

AGENDA

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"It is unclear how a conference in which the Israelis and Palestinians are not participants can promote American efforts."

The Americans further noted that "the timing is particularly important, as there are currently American proposals on the table and this conference may harm these efforts.

"On the other hand, the US could understand the value of a conference of this type if it were to reaffirm a breakthrough which may be achieved in the context of the American proposals. In this case, we would be prepared to relate to such a possibility," the Clinton administration added.

If we compare the wording of the American protest with the sharp, public statement sent to Jerusalem regarding the demolitions of Palestinian homes, Jewish construction, and populating of the area of the Old City, the tone clearly weighs against Israel.

It is not everyday that a country issues a sharp diplomatic statement of the démarche type. It is not everyday that the State Department spokesman hints at a new deadline laid down before a friendly nation for fulfilling Washington's demands. It is not everyday that the secretary of state calls a prime minister across the ocean and warns him about the serious implications in delaying an agreement drawn up based on a US political model.

The American protest transmitted to the Europeans pales in comparison with the sharp language used against Israel. It basically expresses some thoughts on the prospect of damage being done to Washington's activity in the Middle East, while stressing that the US sympathizes with European reservations about the Israeli government's behavior.

The US is mainly concerned that Paris and Cairo could provide Israel with an excuse to divert pressure away from making a decision on the size of the redeployment. In other words, America's main problem is the timing rather than the content.

The American Threat

Among the goodies which Israel was promised during the policy of restraint adopted by the government of former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir during the Gulf War was a guarantee to provide Israel with US military equipment of the "draw down" type at a cost of $500 million, in addition to other defense aid.

Several months later, when the Ministry of Defense asked the Pentagon to fulfill its undertaking, it came up against countless delays. The Israeli Embassy in Washington found that Israel's request had received all necessary approval from the head of the Israeli desk through the Middle East Department and up to deputy secretary of defense Paul Wolfowitz.

When the request landed on then-defense secretary Dick Cheney's desk, however, he ordered his subordinates to drag out the process until after the Israeli election, in 1992. This was one of the methods used to punish Shamir for his refusal to bow to American dictates.

A reverse example: More than a year later, a serious problem arose at the Port of Eilat. While the multinational force was checking ships entering the Gulf of Akaba so as to enforce an embargo of goods to Iraq. These inspections made it very difficult to use the port and Israeli ships came to prefer using the Suez Canal rather than trying to dock in Eilat. As a result, unemployment rose in Eilat and the ensuing anger was directed against then-prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The Washington embassy was asked to intervene and the military attache explained to his colleagues in the Pentagon that ships sailing for Eilat should no longer be checked "in order to protect Rabin." Despite the awkwardness that this request created between the US and Jordan, the inspections were halted within a week.

This action provides proof that the Americans are not innocent of playing political games with a friendly nation such as Israel. And this may be nothing in comparison with the game played by the Clinton administration on the eve of the 1996 elections.

American pressure, however, does not necessarily have to focus on the political arena. At the opening session of the prestigious conference held this week at Tel Aviv University, together with the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies and the Begin Center for International Relations at Harvard University, Prof. Shai Feldman warned that the repercussions would be of a delay in implementing the American proposal on the redeployment.

A partial response was given at a day-long seminar about prospects for Israel-US relations in the next 50 years, sponsored by the Herzog Center for Middle East Research at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheba.

Zvi Rafiah, the Israel Embassy in Washington's former congressional delegate, warned Israel not to put too much trust in relations with the administration.

In a reference to the political use being made by Netanyahu's government of support for Israel on Capitol Hill, Rafiah stressed that it would be risky for the government to promote its initiatives and policies solely via Congress and that it should remember that it is the administration which sets policy.

Rafiah made the distinction



Professor Shai Feldman – What are repercussions of delay?

between the threat of "a reassessment of Middle East policy" – which conjures up unpleasant connotations from the Ford-Kissinger period – and the current term used by Washington, "recalibration." In any event, Rafiah estimated that congressional support is based on the support of the Jewish community, and that American Jews do not want to be forced to decide between their loyalty to the US and their identification with Israel.

The last time that the US Jewish community found itself between the Israeli hammer and the American anvil during the struggle for loan guarantees on the eve of the 1992 elections, American Jews turned their backs on both Shamir and Bush.

Nevertheless, the question posed by Prof. Feldman at Tel Aviv University dealt with a deeper level of ties – the positive atmosphere which is a prerequisite for protecting the strategic interests of both Israel and the US.

With respect to the need to maintain a positive atmosphere, Israel faces a couple of overlapping dilemmas, one of them also involving Moscow. The Americans as well as Israel are concerned about Russia's tremendous arsenal of nuclear, chemical, and biological arms in addition to its ballistic weapons capability. Yet how can the West effectively prevent a proliferation of weapons and leaks of know-how to regimes and insane terrorist groups, without undermining Russian political stability?

The Israeli response to this *strategic threat relies considerably* on the US. In the political sphere, American assistance is essential to bringing pressure to bear on Russia. Israel's nuclear deterrent also rests on its influence in Washington and the ability to maintain close cooperation. Israel needs the Americans to show tolerance for its nuclear policy.

It needs aid to develop active defense systems such as the Arrow missile project, 72 percent of which is being financed by the American taxpayer. It cannot survive without satellite intelligence and real-time warnings. Its offensive options are dependent on supplies from Washington – such as the F-15 jet fighter – and sometimes defensive means have to be supplied by the US, such as the gas masks that were rushed over during the last Iraqi crisis.

US Ambassador to Israel Edward Walker stressed this week once again that the US is committed to Israel's very existence and security and that pressure on Israel exists only in the imagination of those who wish to mislead the public.

A senior American official this week explained to me that in his view the Arabs do not have an effective military option against Israel right now. If the peace process fails, discussions about the Middle East may revert to the UN Security Council and General Assembly. Iran may encourage terrorism. There was no hint of any potential harm to strategic cooperation – at the very most, diplomatic steps, a démarche here and there or a public declaration of one kind or another: "Not very pleasant, but nothing disastrous."

The defense establishment, however, is concerned about a more abstract impact such as damage to *the atmosphere* of relations. We won't always be able to put our finger on it, but tensions could arise and cause delays on essential issues. They believe that this could be even more serious than the size of the redeployment. All ministers of defense have appreciated this.

There is an element of frustration that other ideas have not been tried out, that Sharon's proposal for territorial continuity at the expense of the size of the redeployment was not considered. That there have been no in-depth discussions. But they all understand that the rope with the US cannot be pulled too tight.

The Egyptian Angle

On Sunday afternoon Labor MK Yossi Beilin flew to Cairo, returning to Tel Aviv the same evening. The few hours which he spent in a hotel adjacent to the airport were filled with meetings with Osama Baz, President Hosni Mubarak's close adviser.

The principal message was: Egypt is seriously concerned about Yasser Arafat's internal situation in view of increasing criticism of him in the Palestinian Legislative Council, due to the delays in the peace process and the encouragement which Sheikh Ahmed Yassin received during his tour of Arab countries, while the Americans remained silent.

The truth is that criticism of Arafat in the Palestinian parliament in Ramallah is mainly about complaints of mismanagement and corruption. The basic facts, however, are true: Arafat is undergoing a difficult period politically and an agreement with Israel could help him somewhat.

The following day, and at his request, opposition leader Ehud Barak met with Mubarak. They cried on each other's shoulders about what they called Netanyahu's tactics. The calls made by the prime minister to the opposition to decide "who is against whom" and which side of the fence they stand on when it comes to serving national interests are not unreasonable. Such calls were also made by the Rabin-Peres government whenever Netanyahu met with King Hussein.

Today there is a tendency to forget that he was accused at the time of suggesting to the Arabs that they wait for him to be elected to office, as his proposals would be better. Netanyahu's procrastination, however, is not just wearing the Americans down, but also our Palestinian partner. Even if we find it hard to empathize with the Palestinians, they are a partner. It is precisely this which concerns not just Cairo, but Washington, too.

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Japan, US promise to halt yen's slide

By WILLIAM MALLARD

TOKYO (Reuters) – Japan and the United States agreed yesterday that the two economic superpowers had to act together to stop a nosedive in the Japanese yen that had sparked fears of an Asia-wide depression that could turn global.

Their promises were backed up by an earlier round of concerted intervention in the market, estimated by traders at $2 billion, that drove the yen sharply higher.

The statement by the two leaders came a few hours after Japan's parliament passed a special 4.65 trillion yen ($32.7 billion) supplementary budget that is part of a record 16.65 trillion yen economic stimulus package announced in April.

The announcement by US President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto appeared to end for now an increasingly bitter war of words about what Japan should do to stimulate its long-suffering economy and rescue a currency showing no end to its decline.

"The president and I are delighted to see that the United States and Japan have cooperated in the exchange markets to support a strong, stable yen," Hashimoto said in a statement after a telephone talk with Clinton.

The statement came a day ahead of a hastily arranged visit by US Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers that will include a meeting of finance officials from the Group of Seven industrialized nations.

Financial analysts had said that if Summers came to Japan without some sort of deal, he threatened to worsen the situation.

A Chinese official said earlier on Wednesday that the sliding yen could force China to devalue the yuan, the first such warning of the threats posed by the yen's slide. China has blamed both Japan and the United States for the growing crisis.

The intervention marks a reversal for Washington, which had said that only an improvement in the Japanese economy would halt the yen's fall to a string of eight-year lows.

It was the first time US authorities intervened on behalf of the yen since February 1992.

US Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said the intervention took place "in the context of Japan's plans to strengthen its economy" and said the United States was ready to continue the action if needed.

Hashimoto and other Japanese government officials have meanwhile been stressing the need to wait for the now-enacted economic stimulus package, saying it will boost the economy by at least two percent and ensure a recovery by autumn.

But many economists doubt the fiscal stimulus will do more than give growth a temporary boost, while failing to resolve the basic problems plaguing Japan's banking system and economy.

Bank of Japan Policy Board member Susumu Taketomi said on Wednesday that resolving financial institutions' problem loans was the key to restoring confidence, a point later echoed in Hashimoto's statement.

"The government of Japan will expeditiously restructure the financial system, including the prompt disposal of bad assets and the abandonment of the "convoy" system (of protecting problem companies), Hashimoto said in his statement.

"We will also accelerate the implementation of the fiscal stimulus package and reform both corporate and individual income tax structures," he said.

BOJ governor Masaru Hayami, in a rare gesture, issued a statement on Tuesday urging banks to disclose their internal views on the health of potentially problem loans, to which private bankers responded sceptically.

Finance Minister Hikaru Matsunaga sided with the banks, although he said he shares the BOJ's view that the problem loans are choking the economy.

Critics said the rare statement by the BOJ may be an indication that the central bank's options to help the economy or support the excessively weak yen were limited, with Japan's official discount rate is already at a record low 0.5 percent.

While the release of minutes of the BOJ's April 24 policy meeting revealed that many had pushed for cautious consideration of easier credit, the central bank decided last week to keep the current monetary policy unchanged.

In a sign of the persistent worries about Japan's banking system, the share price of the Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan plunged on Wednesday as rumors about financial difficulties – denied by the bank – set off wave after wave of selling.

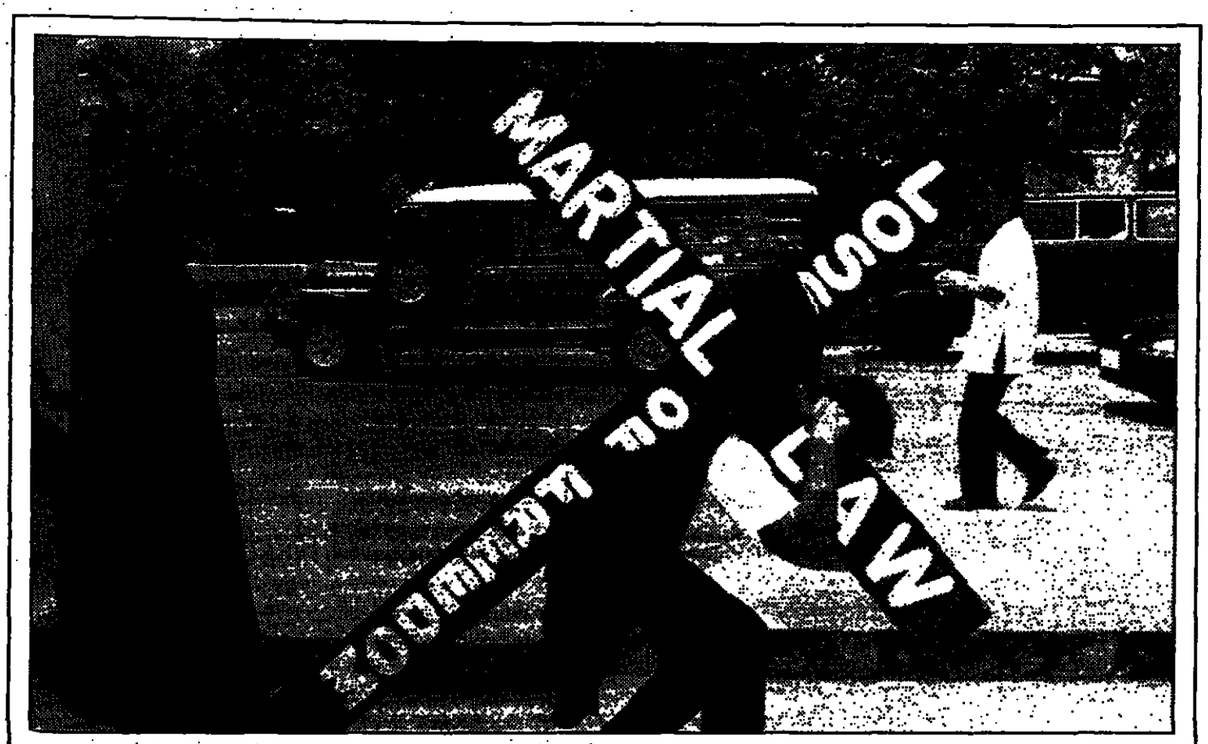
Matsunaga told parliament no Japanese bank was currently in danger of failure, but such assurances are unlikely to calm Japan's jitters.

Efforts are underway by the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) to resolve the bad loan woes of the nation's banks, and senior party officials have raised the idea of using more public loans to help the banks besides the 30 trillion yen currently set aside for that purpose.

"We will tell him (Summers) that Japan is doing its best to solve the bad loan problem," government spokesman Kanezo Muraoka said earlier yesterday.

Markets, meanwhile, were also waiting for word of whether Japan's top financial diplomat, Eisuke Sakakibara, and Summers' counterpart, was going to stay in his post for another year.

His post was not among personnel changes announced yesterday, but officials said more reshuffling could come after parliament concludes today.



The cross of oppression

A protester carries a cross symbolizing the late Ferdinand Marcos' iron-fisted rule during a protest near the Presidential Palace in Manila yesterday opposing the July 11 burial of Marcos' body at the Heroes' Cemetery. Opposition is mounting against president-elect Joseph Estrada following his decision to bury the late dictator at Heroes' Cemetery. Marcos' remains lie in a refrigerated crypt at his home province of Ilocos Norte in northern Philippines. (AP)

US seeks pact with China to end nuclear threat

By JIM WOLF

WASHINGTON (Reuters) – US officials preparing for President Bill Clinton's trip to China next week are seeking a deal that would prevent Beijing and Washington from targeting each other with nuclear weapons, the White House said on Tuesday.

China has rejected such initiatives in the past on the grounds that the United States first should agree to a nuclear "no first use" pledge, something that would fly in the face of US deterrence strategy.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said the US was seeking a nuclear "detargeting" deal modelled on one announced by Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin in 1994.

"It would be similar to and it would be designed for the same purpose," McCurry told reporters.

He said the idea was to enhance security and contribute to Sino-American "confidence building." McCurry declined to speculate about the prospects of a deal being announced by Clinton and President Jiang Zemin at their summit in Beijing in 11 days.

He said nuclear detargeting was one of the issues now being worked on in Beijing in 11th-hour pre-summit talks led by Sandra Kristoff, the US National Security Council staff director for Asia.

Detargeting is largely – but not entirely – a symbolic gesture, military experts said, because nuclear-tipped missiles normally can be retargeted in as little as an hour or less.

Defense Department spokesman Kenneth Bacon said an agreement would reduce the "hair-trigger" aspect of nuclear weaponry. But he said he did not anticipate a change in US unwillingness to forswear possible "first use" of nuclear weapons, calling this a "key" to deterrent strategy.

"What it means is that if there were to be an accidental launch of some sort – we believe that the chances of an accidental launch are extremely minute ... the missile would not be targeted at a specific place," Bacon told reporters at the Pentagon. "It would go off into the ocean or something like that.

"The issue here is to find ways to reduce the hair-trigger aspect of the strategic nuclear arsenals and that's why we think the agreement we have with Russia is significant and that's why we think a similar agreement with China would help stabilize the nuclear balance," he said.

Bruce Blair, of the private Brookings Institution, a former US nuclear missile launch officer who has written extensively on targeting, said land-based US missiles were programmed exclusively to hit targets in the former Soviet Union, mainly Russia, despite the 1994 detargeting accord.

China was taken out of the US strategic war plan in the early 1980s and had not been reinstated, though US missile- launching submarines carry target coordinates for both China and Russia that could be programmed in about 15 minutes, Blair said in a telephone interview.

McCurry declined to discuss US targeting posture and targeting doctrine.

"We live in a world of deterrence," he said in reply to a question.

The Central Intelligence Agency has concluded that 13 of China's 18 nuclear intercontinental ballistic missiles have been targeted on US cities, the *Washington Times* reported on May 1. Any such calculation may be based on the angles of shadows picked up by US spy satellites, officials have said.

Bacon said former defense secretary William Perry had urged the Chinese to agree to a detargeting agreement during a December 1996 visit to Beijing.

Russian hopes of glory hinge on Milosevic

MOSCOW (Reuters) – Russia is hailing its success in squeezing promises of concessions out of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic over Kosovo as a diplomatic triumph that could end bloodshed and avert NATO military intervention.

But President Boris Yeltsin's hopes of notching up one of his few foreign policy successes since the Soviet Union collapsed now lie largely in the hands of a man who has wriggled out of promises before and inspires little trust abroad.

Milosevic would put Moscow in an awkward position by not carrying out his promises, robbing it of the credibility it has won as a mediator in the Kosovo crisis and leaving it facing a rift with the West over the use of force to end the violence.

"To some extent this is a success for Mr. Yeltsin's foreign policy. Russia now has a role as a symbolic defender of Serbia and will try to keep playing a role," said Viktor Kremenyuk, deputy director of Moscow's USA and Canada Institute think tank.

But asked if Milosevic would carry out his promises, Kremenyuk told Reuters: "Not necessarily. He will try to strike some more bargains. He still has some room for maneuver, although not very much."

The West turned to Yeltsin in frustration after its own efforts failed to end a police crackdown against independence-minded Albanians in the southern Serbian province.

The plea for help was in itself a boost for Yeltsin, who is trying — largely in vain — to regain the lost glories of superpower status which Moscow enjoyed in Soviet days.

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"The Kosovo problem is not going to be resolved without our involvement," Yeltsin said on Tuesday, clearly revelling in his role as a mediator for world powers, granted because of Russia's traditional ties with its fellow Slavs in Belgrade.

Milosevic promised to meet most of the demands set last week by world powers for ending the bloodshed in Kosovo.

Yeltsin won praise for his efforts from US President Bill Clinton and scored points with communists and nationalists in parliament who praised him, despite usually being his foes.

If Milosevic does carry out his promises, Yeltsin would appear justified in taking much of the credit for the breakthrough – although NATO air exercises near Kosovo the day Milosevic arrived in Moscow also clearly had an effect.

In fact, Yeltsin had little option but to mediate with Milosevic – it offered him a chance to show nationalist politicians, and ordinary Russians, that Moscow had done its best to resolve the crisis and avert NATO military intervention.

"The West is largely regarded as unfriendly now in Russia.

The feeling is that if the West is seen as anti-Serbian, Russia must be pro-Serbian," said Kremenyuk.

But Western governments have reacted with little enthusiasm, largely because of Milosevic's refusal to withdraw security forces immediately and their lack of faith in him after their dealings with Belgrade during the 1992-95 war in Bosnia.

The danger for Yeltsin is that if Milosevic breaks his word, it would deal another blow to Moscow's global authority and wipe out much of what it believes it has achieved.

"Convincing the West that Milosevic has made serious concessions will not be easy for Russia. In fact, it could be impossible," said the *Kommersant Daily* newspaper.

"There is still a real possibility of NATO bomb strikes after Milosevic's 'blitz' visit to Moscow but now the NATO bombers could have a negative effect on Russia's authority. By signing up for a vague formula, Moscow has let itself be manipulated by Milosevic."

Former Nigerian ruler goes home

LAGOS (Reuters) – Nigeria's former military ruler General Olusegun Obasanjo returned to his farm on the outskirts of Lagos after being released with eight other political prisoners, his family said yesterday.

"He came home late in the night," said one family member at Obasanjo's farm at Otta, outside Lagos. "He already left for Abeokuta early this morning to go and greet the rest of the family."

Obasanjo, 61, was told that he would be confined to Otta after his release on Tuesday from Yola prison in the remote northeast of the country. It was unclear whether his trip to Abeokuta, his birthplace, would affect the terms of his release.

The former head of state was sentenced to 15 years jail in 1995 for allegedly taking part in a plot to overthrow dictator General Sani Abacha, who died suddenly on June 8.

During Abacha's rule, oil-producing Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation with more than 104 million people, became an international pariah for holding scores of political prisoners and stalling democratic reform.

New military ruler General Abdulsalam Abubakar has won plaudits from around the world for releasing prisoners, although Nigeria's most prominent detainee, presumed 1993 election winner Moshood Abiola, was not among them.

Journalist Chris Anyanwu, human rights activist Beko Ransome-Kuti and politician Olabiyi Durojaye were also released on Tuesday.

"We shall continue to fight the military until the soldiers go and democracy is installed in Nigeria," Ransome-Kuti said after his release from prison in the northern city of Kaduna.

He, like Obasanjo, had been accused of taking part in the coup plot.

Annual report: Human rights declaration ignored

LONDON (AP) – The Universal Declaration of Human Rights remains all but meaningless for most of the world's people half a century after it was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly, Amnesty International said in its annual report released yesterday.

The international human rights organization said it had documented cases of summary executions in at least 55 nations, the detention of "prisoners of conscience" in 87 nations and torture in 117 countries.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights "has been called 'the world's best-kept secret,' despite government agreeing in 1948 to actively promote it wherever possible," said Pierre Sane, secretary-general of Amnesty International.

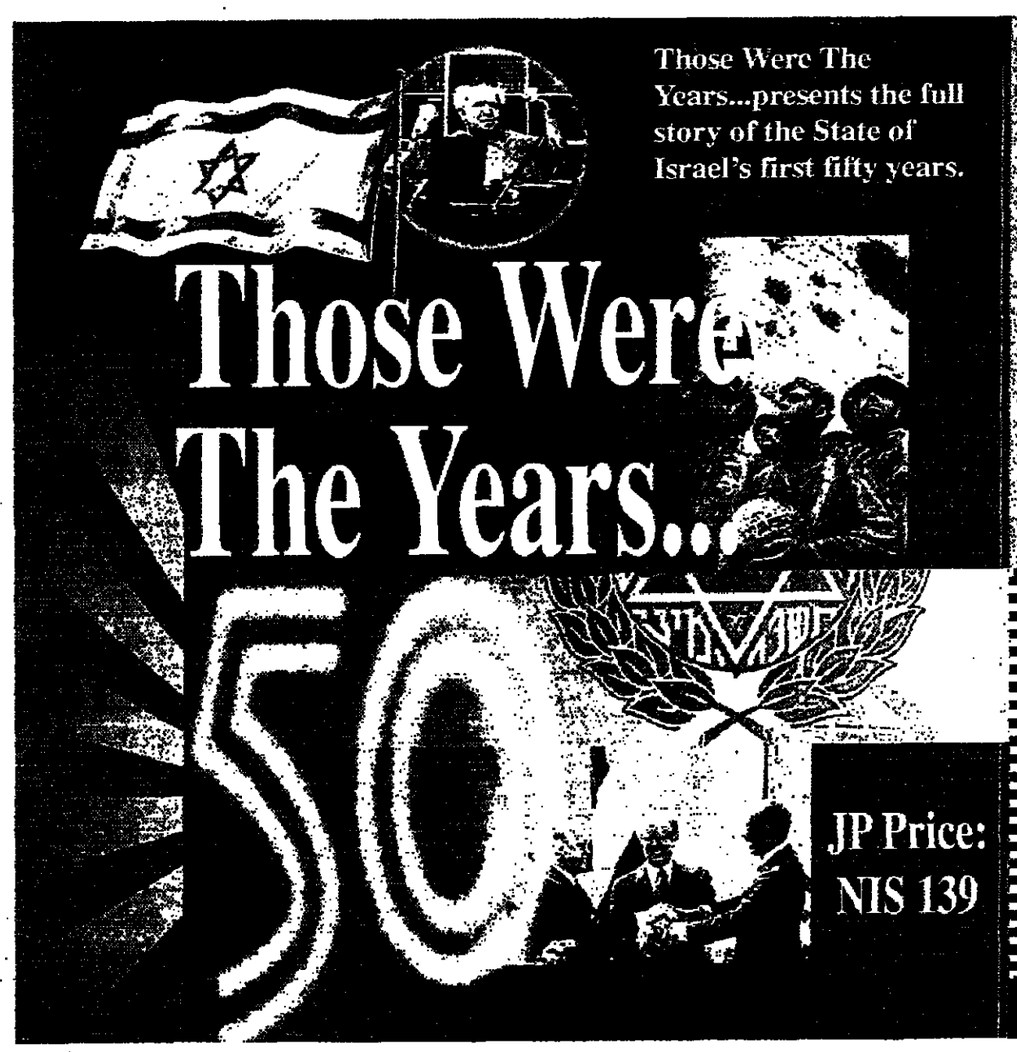
"Our current campaign to promote the UDHR in the run-up to the 10 December anniversary hopes to change that."

Amnesty International said that many governments have challenged the notion of human rights which apply equally in all nations. Some Asian and African nations, for instance, have argued that international human rights standards reflect Western ideas.

The United States also has been reluctant to embrace international standards, it said.

"It stands virtually alone in not signing up to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child," the report said of the United States. "It is one of the few countries which has not ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. Even when it has ratified international human rights conventions, it has often entered extensive reservations, refusing to be bound by many of the provisions within them."

The report said that economic rights and the rights of women continued to be neglected.



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Helping Africa help itself

OPINION

By BENJAMIN POGROUND

Poor Africa. Less than three months after President Bill Clinton's highly publicized visit, the continent has sunk back into obscurity. The Middle East, Asia's financial crisis, Indonesia and the Indian-Pakistani nuclear contest have driven most of Africa's problems out of the world spotlight. Only the reports of turmoil continue unabated.

Will Clinton's promise of US aid still be fulfilled? The possibility is less than propitious amid criticism that the African Growth and Opportunity Act is merely a bill offering benefits to multinational corporations rather than doing good for Africa. South Africa's President Nelson Mandela has said that the bill is "not acceptable."

Clinton's promise and the consequent hope it spurred brings one back 36 years, when a spurt of US interest in Africa led to the adoption of an enlightened policy. Unfortunately, it was never carried out.

Had the US put its intentions into practice at that time, Africa could have been very different today. It may even have avoided being stigmatized as a basket case continent of ruined economies, mass poverty and disease.

The story started with a March 1962 State Department documentissued by the Secretary of State "for the guidance of all concerned in the conduct of US foreign policy and operations." The guidelines were a product of the John F. Kennedy presidency when Washington was dominated by idealism and the belief that America had the power to effect positive change.

Yet the policy was anything but starry-eyed. Prepared in the Cold War era, the policy's aim was to insure Western, and especially American, influence in Africa while keeping the former Soviet Union and its Eastern bloc countries at bay.

Each of the document's 38 pages was marked "Secret" until declassification 14 years later and only a few scholars seem to be aware of its existence.

Prophetically, the guidelines began by saying: "What we do – or fail to do – in Africa in the next year or two will have a profound effect for many years to come.

"With few notable exceptions, the independent states of Africa (29 at present, with more to come) are new, inexperienced, intensely nationalistic, revealing in their attitudes the scars of a colonial past. Dangerous instability is certain for a long time to come."

The guidelines went on to argue that America's "own revolutionary background and democratic aspirations – when we live up to them – constitute a basis for sympathy between ourselves and the Africans."

Looking back from today's perspective, it is clear that the planned basic strategy of some 30 years past could have transformed Africa by fostering "long-term positive trends in education, in social and economic development, in the shaping of effective political institutions, and in regional cooperation."

The document stressed that the aim of the policy was to offer a wide range of practical help to foster democracy and development while avoiding an arms race in Africa with the Soviet Union.

Through a "prompt and major effort," said the guidelines, "we hope to make the most of our present opportunity to enlarge areas of common interest, while respecting the African desire to remain truly independent and uncommitted in the Cold War."

"Aside from tangible assistance," said the guidelines, "the most helpful things we could do to enhance our image and obtain the friendship of the African people are (a) to make our commitment to freedom in Africa clear without peradventure of doubt in such cases as Angola, Algeria and South Africa; and (b) to move more quickly to solve our problem of according dignity and equal opportunity to our own African-descended population."

The guidelines urged action against minority regimes and set 1972 – a mere ten years into the future – as the target date for ending white rule in South Africa and what was then Rhodesia, as well as terminating Portuguese colonial rule in Mozambique and Angola.

Short-term goals called on African governments to come up with plans for realistic development and the use of "politically disinterested" foreign aid within two years. To help fragile African economies emerge from colonialism, the policy included programs aimed at reducing excessive price fluctuations of tropical and primary products plus marketing agreements.

Few of the high hopes of 1962 came to pass and Africa itself was to blame. Nearly all the leaders who had taken their nations into freedom found power and office irresistible and went on to destroy democracy and plunder their people.

THE US, through its own acts of commission and omission, also contributed massively to the continent's decline. With the Cold War becoming more of an influence on US policy than the State Department guidelines, Washington ended up supporting

tyrannical and corrupt regimes in the name of keeping the Soviet Union at bay. Giving aid for development to such regimes became a practical impossibility.

The Vietnam War further exacerbated the growing decline of Washington's policy in Africa, by causing the US to turn in on itself and away from far-off, increasingly nasty places in the world.

The commitment to working against minority regimes also dissipated, notably in regard to South Africa. Washington was at best ineffective, as in the years of President Jimmy Carter, or supportive of white minority rule during the 1980s years of President Ronald Reagan.

Cold War fears led to cooperation with white South Africa known as "constructive engagement" and induced the US to connive in delaying independence for Namibia, with the loss of lives that this meant. More seriously, it led to perpetuation of the civil war in neighboring Angola that laid waste to that country.

Perhaps now, it will all be different. Perhaps now, free of the Cold War, there will be a real consciousness among Americans that the world is interconnected and that Africa needs a helping hand as a partner and not as an inferior. Perhaps, too, consciousness will spread among Africans that they are first and foremost responsible for their progress.

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His brother's keeper

BALAAM'S PROPHECY Eyewitness to History: 1939-1989 by Naphtali Lau-Lavie. New York, London. Cornwall Books. 496 pp. $24.95.

By Allan E. Shapiro

Balaam's prophecy, in its biblical telling, is a tale full of ambiguities. Here it refers to Israel's resurrection after the Holocaust, with prophetic praises coming where curses were intended. In the biblical formulation, "the people shall rise as a great lion.": "Lion" is a translation of the family name of the author.

As implied in the English title and even more explicitly in the original Hebrew version, published by Ma'ariv in 1993 as *Ani KeLavie*, a central theme is the intertwining of the national and family sagas. Lavie's autobiography spans his survival in the death camps of Poland, his arrival in pre-independence Israel, and his subsequent career as spokesman, adviser, and diplomat. Not only is this autobiography as history; it is history with the plot of a novel.

Lavie's father, rabbi of Piotrkow, the Polish town where the Nazis established the first ghetto in occupied Poland, and scion of a distinguished rabbinical dynasty, entrusts into the author's care his younger brother, Yisrael Meir, first introduced into the story as the five-year-old sits on the floor of the family apartment, building a tower out of wooden blocks. It concludes with the author's mission accomplished: Israel Meir Lau prays at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, as he prepares to enter upon his duties as Ashkenazi chief rabbi. "I feel it was this mission, the mission to bring this brother to safety from the abyss of despair to the gates of hope – to the Promised Land and thereby guarantee the continuation of our rabbinic dynasty, that kept me alive and gave me the will to fight for our lives rather than to succumb to the fate that befell so many of us."

In the original Hebrew version, this book is sub-titled "Autobiography." In the English translation, this is changed to "Eyewitness to History: 1939-1989." Leaving aside the obvious distinction that Lavie's autobiography quite properly begins with his birth in 1926, not in 1939, when his "eyewitness" role commenced, and includes an absorbing and far from irrelevant account of the family history, there is a somewhat different thrust to the sort of account that the two terms imply. As a youth in Poland, separated from his family, entrusted with the fate of his younger brother, surviving in the hell of the death camps, Lavie is a part of the Holocaust. His account has the immediacy of personal experience and grips the reader with all the force of direct participation.

By contrast, in his public career in Israel, Lavie seems indeed to play the role of eyewitness, with the "outsider" status this implies. He remains essentially in the professional role upon which he first embarked in his initial career as an adult – that of journalist. He makes his mark as spokesman, first and foremost in the Defense Ministry, thereafter in the Foreign Ministry, for Moshe Dayan, later as adviser to leaders on both sides of the political divide, such as Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Shamir. Only in his final farewell to public life does he assume the independent office of consul-general in New York with the rank of ambassador, as plenipotentiary to the power center of Jewish communal life in the United States.



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Naphtali Lavie

It can perhaps be taken as an indication that public relations retains its fascination for the author that *Balaam's Prophecy* has its own web site, where the browser can peruse pertinent information about the contents of the book and the life of the author. Lavie enjoyed a closeness to Dayan that gives him a rare insight into Dayan's role in major historical events. (He wrote a biography of Dayan that appeared in 1969, in the aftermath of the Six Day War.) Dayan's efforts, in the pre-Yom Kippur War period, to reach an agreement with Sadat, involving an Israeli withdrawal from the banks of the Suez Canal to positions in Sinai, with the quid pro quo of an accord on non-belligerency, stand out in the tragic perspective of later developments. This was an opportunity to avoid the trauma of the 1973 war that was miffed in large measure because of the myopia of Israel's political leadership. Lavie adds important details that place in a more favorable light the darkest period of Dayan's career, the mishap that marked the early days of the Yom Kippur War.

As Lavie describes the flow of events, Dayan, unlike IDF Intelligence and the chief of staff, "viewed the intelligence reports of Egyptian preparations for war with gravity." The political stalemate, after the rejection of Dayan's conciliatory proposals by Golda Meir and by his cabinet colleagues, and after the failure, in April, 1973, of talks in Washington with the Egyptian envoy, Hafez Ismail, "sent a clear danger signal to Dayan. He promptly initiated several large-scale conferences with the officers of the IDF's three regional commands, in which he spoke about the political situation and his evaluation that the Arab states had abandoned diplomacy, and that we must now prepare for war."

To provide additional proof of Dayan's clairvoyance, Lavie tells of a highly secret meeting between Golda Meir and King Hussein, just before Rosh Hashana. "During that conversation at a VIP guesthouse near Tel Aviv, the king stated that the Syrian army was deployed for war." At a meeting of the General Staff that Dayan convened on the eve of Rosh Hashana, chief of staff David Elazar and the Intelligence chief, Eli Zeira, discounted the king's message. On the morning of the eve of Yom Kippur, Dayan held a last-minute conference with Elazar and Zeira. News of the hurried evacuation of the families of Soviet advisers in the Syrian and Egyptian armies had been received, as well as Air Force reconnaissance photos of "an unprecedented deployment of the Egyptian army along the Suez Canal, which could only be explained as actions preliminary to war." Dayan told the army chiefs, "You are not taking the Egyptians and Syrians seriously. I take them very seriously." Elazar and Zeira remained unconvinced. Lavie admits that he himself "did not share Dayan's anxiety and alarm that war was on our doorstep... toying with the hope that it was only Dayan's natural pessimism that had led him to his exaggerated, gloomy forecast."

But if Dayan's forecast was, indeed, so accurate, why the tragic unpreparedness, and what was the measure of Dayan's responsibility? On these questions, there are no clear answers. True, professional military estimates were the responsibility of the military professionals, and Dayan, as defense minister, despite his background and achievements, functioned in that role as a political non-professional. However, Dayan's responsibility does not end there. He arguably could not interfere with Elazar and Zeira's professional judgments; but, if he lacked confidence in them, it was his duty – not just his prerogative – to replace them. The ultimate responsibility, in his ministerial role, was Dayan's. This is the issue that the post-war Agranat Commission did not examine. Its failure to do so was largely misunderstood. Justice Agranat later sought to make clear that the commission in no way absolved Dayan of his political responsibility, an issue that was beyond the scope of the quasi-judicial inquiry.

Apparently both the author and Dayan himself remained unconvinced. Lavie, having served in a key diplomatic post in New York, is well aware of the explosive danger of the "who's a Jew?" issue with regard to Diaspora relations. He tells of exploiting his ties with ultra-Orthodox rabbis in saving Shamir from a coalition deal that would have committed him to support the invalidation of non-Orthodox Diaspora conversion. What of Lavie's ties with his own brother, the present chief rabbi, Yisrael Lau? Lavie begins the fascinating story of his life with a meeting in 1990 in the New York apartment of "Professor Yaacov Ne'eman, a prominent Israeli lawyer and guest lecturer at New York University." Treasury Minister Ne'eman, of course, is the author of the compromise proposals on the conversion issue. Another close associate, whose name appears frequently in Lavie's recounting of the Dayan years, is Elyakim Rubinstein, a one-time Dayan adviser who is today the attorney-general. He is an enthusiastic supporter of the Ne'eman recommendations. Indeed, he authored a very similar proposal, when he served as cabinet secretary under Yitzhak Shamir. The rejection of the Ne'eman proposals by the chief rabbinate, including Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau, doesn't fit as a sequel to *Balaam's Prophecy*.



ISRAEL SUN

Going for Clinton

THE IMPEACHMENT OF WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON by R. Emmett Tyrrell, Jr. and "Anonymous." Washington, D.C., Regnery. 275 pp. Price not stated.

By Michael Widlanski

The indictment and trial of an incumbent president – whether it is Richard Nixon, Andrew Johnson (Abraham Lincoln's successor) or Bill Clinton – is a subject that is difficult in both political and historical terms. This book does a surprisingly good job of covering all the angles, despite the deep animosity of the authors towards Bill Clinton. But first, a brief digression.

Immediately after reading this book, I encountered the man who may have the most to say about a possible impeachment of President Clinton – Congressman Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.), the Speaker of the House of Representatives and perhaps the most powerful Republican in Washington. Representative Gingrich was at an official dinner with Prime Minister Netanyahu at the King David Hotel, and it was a good opportunity to ask him if he thought Clinton was going to face impeachment – the political process whereby the House of Representatives basically "indicts" for "high crimes and misdemeanors." (The Senate then "tries" the person under impeachment and can remove him or her by no less than a two-thirds vote.)

"Do you think President Clinton is going to be impeached?" Gingrich was asked.

"If you asked me that question six or nine months ago, I would have laughed at you," Gingrich said. "But I'm not laughing now."

Despite the fact that Gingrich is certainly a partisan source on power plays inside the Beltway, he is undoubtedly an authoritative source on thinking inside Washington and especially the Republican Party.

Readers will be spared the rest of the eight-minute conversation that touched on the details of the various investigations into the affairs – business, political and sexual – of Bill Clinton, his wife Hilary and their associates. Suffice it to say that Clinton's biggest problems have nothing to do with his various sexual adventures or even with the Whitewater real eastate fraud scandal from his time as governor of Arkansas.

Rather, congressional investigators and the Special Independent Federal Prosecutor are looking at suspected abuses of power and influence-peddling that dwarf the offenses of Nixon (and the trumped-up charges against Johnson). Nixon's Watergate scandal was relatively uncomplicated: Republicans broke into the Democratic headquarters and got caught, while Nixon and his men tried to cover up the various dirty tricks with even more tricks that were progressively dirtier.

The problem with following the threads of Clinton's scandals – Travelgate (firing the White House travel office personnel), Koreagate (illegal donations and influence peddling with Koreans), Filegate (examining the FBI files of political opponents), Teamster-gate (suspected involvement in manipulation of the Teamsters' union), Indonesia-gate, China-gate, Sudan-gate, and others – is that they are so complicated that you almost have to be a Washington lawyer or a certified accountant to understand what the whole fuss is about.

At this point the reader might well throw his hands up and say please spare me all these charges and investigations. In fact, the authors do just that. Tyrrell does not repeat the two mistakes he made in his book *Boy Clinton*. There he overwhelmed the reader with a microsopic portrait of every Clinton wart and pimple, while at the same time flaunting his own anti-Clinton feelings. Here, fortunately, Tyrrell (writing with an anonymous author believed to be a Republican-appointed judge, according to the *New Yorker*) does not bury us in facts. He also gives his prejudices a rest.

What emerges is a fascinating two-part book that mixes facts and conjecture. The first part is a thumbnail sketch of Clinton's suspected transgressions since coming to the White House, minus the sexual stuff with Monica Lewinsky et. al., and without the Whitewater scandal from Clinton's years as governor. The reader is then taken to the beginning of impeachment hearings in the House Judiciary Committee at some point in the future.

Because the book was finished in September 1997, there is no mention of the newly emerging scandal reported by Jeff Gerth in the *New York Times* of an illegal $80,000 contribution from the Chinese Army's chief of staff to the Clinton election campaign. Nor is there any mention of the subsequent *New York Times* finding that the Clinton administration then approved the export of sensitive missile and satellite technology to China. Less than a week after these stories broke, the Associated Press published an analysis stating that even congressional Democrats were beginning to desert the Clinton camp and could not be counted on to be automatic supporters.

The second half of the book is about the conjectured impeachment and trial of Clinton. The outcome hinges on whether Democrats in the Senate break ranks with the amractive president from their own party and join the Republican accusers. In this part in particular the writing is crisp, full of telling personal portraits of congressmen, congresswomen and senators. It reads like good political fiction, but with a difference: tomorrow it could true.

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BOOK BYTES

Beryl Bainbridge, author of the titanic novel *Every Man for Himself* (Caroll & Graf), viewed James Cameron's Oscar-winning film *Titanic* from her unique and highly critical vantage point. "The film shows the lovers running down E deck into the engine room. Ludicrous. The corridor [to the engine room] would have melted." Researching her book, Bainbridge "read and read, and read" contemporary reports and survivors' accounts. The girlish looking 63-year-old author encouraged her grandson to build her a model of the ill-fated ship. She studied photographs, visited museums to see ships' engines and watched the 1953 film, starring Barbara Stanwyck.

After two months of ransacking the historical sources, she told her publisher, "I'm halfway through," and only then did she start the punishing task of writing her book.

She writes day and night, beginning at six in the morning, and goes through to the small hours. While completing the last six pages of *Every Man* at 4 a.m. on the morning of April 12, 1996 – the liner sank on that day 84 years earlier – she heard voices coming from the kitchen downstairs. At first she thought it was the radio, but then she realized that the voices were coming from inside her head. "It was the drowned having chats," she maintained.

AS PART OF the Israel–British Week in May, the British Council in Jerusalem held an evening of readings and discussion with two up-and-coming novelists, Gwyneth Jones and Chaz Brenchley. Jones characterized her university education as a study of "the philosophy of science," a course she followed in order to avoid studying English literature. "I didn't want to analyze novels, because I prefer to read and enjoy them." She described her brand of science fiction as "scientifically rigorous." Her later novels, including *North Wind* (Tor), from which she read, are built around reincarnating Aleutians, a group of aliens who "accidentally invaded" planet Earth. Both in her reading and discussion, Jones described her Aleutians as if they were already here.

For a Brit, Chaz Brenchley cuts a rather American-looking figure with his shadow of a beard, baseball cap and floppy red T-shirt. His eighth book is *Dispossession*, featuring a fallen angel. Brenchley, who is currently switching genres from crime mysteries to historical fantasy, took the daring step of reading from the manuscript pages of his work-in-progress set during the First Crusade. He said he's been waiting 20 years for an "original idea," because most of the fantasy written today is "bad Tolkien." To break the slavishly followed precedents mapped out by *The Lord of the Ring*, he revealed that his series will be four books instead of three and the storyline will not follow the usual quest pattern.

Both authors described their work day. Jones works on a computer when her child is at school; when he comes home she stops writing.

Brenchley said he's "anything but disciplined." When he's writing, it's day and night for periods of four to six weeks, in which time he can turn out "a significant chunk of prose."

HARD COVER, soft cover, and now, if you're hooked up to the Internet, there's no cover. The first chapter of John Grisham's latest block-buster *The Street Lawyer* has now been uncovered on the web at http://www.jgrisham.com. The book came out earlier this year in the US.

David Brauner

The New York Times BESTSELLERS

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2. **Cities of the Plain** by Cormac McCarthy. (Knopf $24.) The concluding volume of a trilogy about two cowboys vexed by changing times.
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8. **Summer Sisters** by Judy Blume. (Delacorte $21.95.) Two young women from very different backgrounds come of age together on Martha's Vineyard.
9. **The Street Lawyer** by John Grisham. (Doubleday $27.95.) A young lawyer comes to terms with himself after discovering his prestigious firm's dirty secret.
10. **Black and Blue** by Anna Quindlen. (Random House $23.) After her husband turns violent, a woman flees to Florida with her son.

HARDCOVER Non-fiction

1. **Tuesdays with Morrie** by Mitch Albom. (Doubleday $19.95.) A sportswriter tells of his weekly visits to his old college mentor, who was near death's door.
2. **A Pirate Looks at Fifty** by Jimmy Buffett. (Random House $24.95.) While traveling from the Florida Keys to the Amazon, the singer-songwriter reflects on his half-century of life.
3. **We Are Our Mothers' Daughters** by Colde Roberts. (Morrow $19.95.) The television news anchor's personal reflections on women in politics and business and as mothers, wives, sisters and friends.
4. **Titan** by Ron Chernow. (Random House $30.) The life of John D. Rockefeller Sr.
5. **The Man Who Listens to Horses** by Monty Roberts. (Random House $23.) The memoirs of a professional horse trainer.
6. **A Walk in the Woods** by Bill Bryson. (Broadway $25.) A journalist finds beauty and humor while hiking the Appalachian trail.
7. **The Gifts of the Jews** by Thomas Cahill. (Talese/Doubleday $23.50.) What Western civilization owes an ancient tribe.
8. **Angela's Ashes** by Frank McCourt. (Scribner $24.) An Irish-American writer recalls his childhood amid the miseries of Limerick.
9. **A Monk Swimming** by Malachy McCourt (Hyperion $23.95.) The writer and actor (and brother of Frank McCourt) recalls his life in America and Ireland.
10. **The Millionaire Next Door** by Thomas J. Stanley and William D. Danko. (Longstreet $22.) Wealthy Americans have seven characteristics in common.

PAPERBACK Fiction

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PAPERBACK Non-fiction

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8. **Into the Wild** by Jon Krakauer. (Anchor/Doubleday $12.95.) The story of a young man whose obsession with the wilderness had a tragic end in Alaska.
9. **Wait Till Next Year** by Doris Kearns Goodwin. (Touchstone/S&S $13.) Recollections of a '50s girlhood on Long Island, in the orbit of the Brooklyn Dodgers.
10. **A Child Called "It"** by Dave Pelzer. (Health Communications $9.95.) The autobiography of a man who survived his mother's abuse.

PAPERBACK Miscellaneous

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2. **Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution** by Robert C. Atkins. (Avon $6.50.) Ways to lose weight and achieve a healthy body.
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Lethal lackadaisical attitudes

The tragic litany is long and growing. A roof in a Beersheba gymnasium collapses last week, killing two pupils. A bridge carrying athletes to the opening ceremony of the Maccabiah games last year buckles, leading to four deaths and many serious injuries. Poor planning at the Arad Festival three years ago costs the lives of three teenagers crushed to death, as fences meant to hold back crowds give way. A scaffolding under the Shapirim interchange being built on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway collapses four years ago on top of an automobile, killing three. And two days ago nine-year-old Amelia Cohen falls from the window of her school in Jerusalem after a protective railing was removed. She is in critical condition after sustaining severe head injuries.

The common elements in all of these tragedies are disturbing and point to flaws in basic attitudes and actions in this country that lead to loss of lives. They include rules that are disregarded and bent, corners that are cut, costs saved by ignoring safety devices, a taking of responsibility that is evaded, and letting those responsible escape paying a price for their negligence due to a lack of resolve. Commissions of inquiry study the accidents and publish findings that are routinely ignored. Taken together, there should be an urgent wake-up call here to educators, legislators, law-enforcement officers, professional organizations, supervising agencies, and shapers of public attitudes. This cannot go on – the toll in lives is too heavy to bear.

Israelis are proud of a penchant for finding clever, improvised solutions to problems that exhibit thinking beyond the limitations of textbook conventions. This trait is often fed by legendary stories drawn from the annals of the IDF, of small bands of commanders and soldiers doing the seemingly impossible by daring to ignore conventional thinking. The emphasis is placed on attaining the ends, regardless of what others say or think. But when this becomes related to a lackadaisical attitude toward rules and laws, which represent constricting thinking standing in the way of attaining a particular goal, it too often becomes dangerous. This sometimes-admired disregard for rules many times leads to training accidents, tragic traffic violations, and cutting corners on safety regulations in construction work simply to save money.

This type of behavior has been exhibited in a number of recent tragedies. An IDF offer to build a bridge strong enough to bear tank traffic for the opening ceremonies of the Maccabiah games last summer was rejected by the organizers of the game, because the bidding price was too high. The bridge that was eventually built cost much less, but also had a much lower load-bearing capacity. There have been similar charges that window bars in the Luria Elementary School in Jerusalem, which might have prevented Amelia Cohen's fall, were not installed due to budgetary problems. There needs to be a clear statement that under no circumstances can budget savings come at the expense of safety. Any amount of monetary saving pales in comparison with the price paid in lives and debilitating injuries.

In virtually every tragic accident that has recently occurred in Israel, the first reaction of individuals in positions of responsibility has been to attempt to evade blame. Indeed, the fact that the law requires numerous supervising bodies to ascertain that safety regulations are being followed – itself a device meant to prevent accidents by ensuring that a number of different persons review precautions being taken – has often been twisted into a tool for evading responsibility. Contractors blame engineers, who in turn blame architects and designers, and attorneys for defendants in negligence cases ask why the fire services and police are not prosecuted instead of their clients. The sight of a public official resigning following a tragedy is almost unheard of in this country.

Instead, the favored response is to establish commissions of inquiry, preferably multiple commissions. Last week's gym roof collapse in Beersheba, for example, is being investigated by three separate bodies: the Israel Police, the Ministry of Education, and the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry. Too often, the effect of these inquiries is only to further muddy clear lines of responsibility and to create more reports and rules that are subsequently ignored.

Nor do our law-enforcement officials take the sort of swift action that would send a clear message to those entrusted with safety inspections that negligence will not be tolerated in this society. It took nearly five months after the Maccabiah bridge tragedy for the State Attorney's Office to issue indictments – and this was seen as an example of quick work on the part of the state attorney. The Shapirim bridge collapse, although it occurred four years ago, seems to have gotten lost in the files of the prosecutors.

One of the factors that has always made Israel an attractive place to live was the emphasis placed on the value of each and every individual life, reflecting a traditional Jewish sanctification of the act of saving, protecting, and preserving life. The recurrence of tragic accidents – along with the marked increase in violent crime – have begun indicating a shaking of that once bedrock assumption. Negligence in enforcing safety laws and regulations indicates a weakening in concern for the lives of others. It is time to ensure that this concern once again becomes and remains a central value.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

YASSIN'S RETURN

Sir, – The latest Israeli controversy revolves around Sheikh Ahmed Yassin: should he be allowed to return to the territories or should he be prevented from doing so?

But of all the arguments given for and against his return, I have yet hear a debate based upon the principle that Israel cannot allow the avowed, unrepentant head of a terrorist organization, find sanctuary in its midst.

What has happened to principle? Is idealism no longer worthy of discussion? Is shameless pragmatism the only tool left? Has living in the real world caused us to lose sight of our heritage? And can we hold the world to a higher standard if we fail to meet the challenge?

We are all united in the belief that Israel was meant to show the world how justice can be achieved. It saddens me to say that we cannot fulfill our destiny of being a "light unto the nations" as we shamelessly ignore basic universal principles we once held dear.

TED S. KAMINER

Jerusalem.

PRISONER SWAP

Sir, – Why are we talking to Hizbullah about our returning a number of bodies of their fighters plus a number of live prisoners whom we are holding in south Lebanon in return for the remains of one of our fallen soldiers when there has been no mention of the other Israeli soldiers, or if they are dead, their bodies, who have been missing since 1982?

Have we forgotten Feldman, Baumel, and Katz from the Peace for Galilee War and Ron Arad?

Even if Hizbullah is not holding our people at this time, and they are interested in a swap, I'm sure they are capable of locating them and effecting their return.

Let's stop always ending up with the short end in these deals.

STANLEY BARASCH

Ra'anana.

BELIEF IN THE MESSIAH

Sir, The shocking op-ed piece by David Newman, "False messiahs" (June 17), should not go unanswered.

He makes the mistake (among others) of misreading the attitudes of a small fringe as though they represented Habad; and they do not.

Mashi'ah and hassidism have been synonymous since the time of the Baal Shem Tov. The opposition to the hassidic movement was precisely because they stirred the mind to think of *mashi'ah* in a tangible way, and this scared the *mitnagdim*.

Every Jew is halachically required to subscribe to the belief that the messiah will come!

IRA L. JACOBSON

Petah Tikva.

FALSE ASSERTION

Sir – David Newman's assertion, in "False messiahs" (June 17), that the messianism displayed by members of Habad "far more removed and distant from any theological interpretation of Judaism than those expressed by the Reform and Conservative" movements is absurd.

Whereas most Orthodox Jews certainly disagree with messianic claims regarding Rabbi Schneerson and vehemently oppose related, deviant practices of the Habad fringe element, no knowledgeable Jew will challenge Habad's basic theology as "a basic departure from the essential theological foundations of Judaism."

These, as outlined in Maimonides' 13 principles, include belief in the God-given, immutable Torah, divine reward and punishment, the eventual coming of the (true) messiah and resurrection of the dead. The Reform and Conservative movements do not share these beliefs.

Yes, we are very concerned about possible Christian/Sabbatean-like repercussions from belief in a false messiah, but we are even more afraid of the repercussions of validating the false theologies of the Reform and the Conservatives.

DR. MOSHE NEWMAN

Jerusalem.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On June 18, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported on the murder of Dr. Chaim Arlosoroff, member of the Jewish Agency executive and head of its political department, committed by two unknown assailants on the evening of Friday June 16 on Tel Aviv beach.

50 years ago: On June 18, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that at least 27 British officers with Trans-Jordan passports and Arabic noms de guerre had arrived in the Old City of Jerusalem during and in the breach of the cease-fire. The Egyptian and Syrian governments had been advised that the US would continue to refuse to recognize any blockade of Palestinian coastal waters.

25 years ago: On June 18, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that Israel was assured by US to receive 48 Phantom and 36 Skyhawk planes by the end of 1977.

The Post regretted any inconvenience to its readers as a result of a partial printers strike.

Alexander Zvielli



Bring Raviv to trial

URI DAN
DENNIS EISENBERG

No sooner was Margalit Har-Shefi convicted of not having taken reasonable measures to prevent the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, then the predictable, Pavlovian knee-jerk reaction came from the far-left wolves scenting blood.

Leading the pack was Leah Rabin, who was reported to have declared that both Yigal Amir and Har-Shefi were but instruments in the hands of "inciters," who stood on a balcony and smiled while in the street below a vicious campaign of instigation was conducted against her husband.

Out tumbled copy-cat provocative comments, aimed at smearing both the religious and secular national camp: "The assassin was not alone...an evil spirit still stalks the land."

The barely concealed implication of the Left is that Binyamin Netanyahu and the other right-wing balcony speakers at a mass meeting in Jerusalem were responsible for Rabin's assassination. Not a shred of proof has ever been produced to prove this blatant falsehood.

But there were inciters at work. Inciters whose activities were authorized by Carmi Gillon, head of the General Security Services and his boss, then-premier Rabin, along with the blessings of the leading judicial officers of the Labor-controlled administration.

What really happened at that mass protest against the way the Oslo Accords were being steamrolled through the Knesset? We were there and did not hear a single speaker preach violence or treason.

Yet there was incitement. It was provided by GSS agent Avishai Raviv. He gathered up a dozen or so banners carried by young teenagers, bearing photo-montage pictures of Rabin dressed up as an SS general. He handed them over to the compliant TV crews and pressed them hard to run them that very night – which they promptly did.

These particular youngsters had attended a summer youth camp run by Raviv, a macho figure whom they worshipped. Raviv was a brilliant success as an undercover agent. GSS handlers guided and instructed him how to infiltrate the world of students and then incite them to carry out deeds which would prove that there was a right-wing conspiracy to topple the government, when in fact none existed.

Raviv also created his own phony group and took it to demonstrate in front of Rabin's home on Friday afternoons to chant: "Rabin and his wife will be hung like Mussolini and his mistress."

In another incident, Raviv was given wide media coverage when he claimed his Eyal youth movement had murdered an Arab near Hebron in revenge for the deaths of Jews in suicide attacks. Wide criticism, verging on hysteria, was heaped on Hebron settlers. Ten days later it was found that a gang of Arab thieves were guilty of the killing.

Evidence was brought to the Shamgar inquiry by young girls who were present at a settlement meeting where Raviv urged Yigal Amir to prove his worth as a man and kill Rabin. As we detailed in our book published in France, *A State Crime*, Raviv carried out other similar activities. Because both Gillon and Rabin knew full well just how illegal these actions were, they asked for and received full judicial backing by then-attorney-general Michael Ben-Yair and other top legal officials.

EVIDENCE of how the GSS employed Raviv and other inciters was given in closed sessions to the Shamgar Commission. But why was it done behind closed doors and its evidence never revealed to the public? After all, its function was to unravel the truth.

For one, the GSS opposed such a move. It claimed great harm would be done to its work if its operational methods were brought to the public's attention. Another excuse was given by Ben-Yair and his successor, Elyakim Rubinstein, as well as State Attorney Edna Arbel. They argued they did not have sufficient evidence to bring the matter to court.

That sounded like a very lame excuse. Doing their duty, as they must when they feel the law has been broken, the judicial authorities did not hesitate for a moment recently when they brought a handful of mayors to court on charges of corruption and financial impropriety. In virtually every case, the men in the dock were acquitted.

How strange therefore, that when evidence arises that a government deliberately set out to politicize the vital secret service of the country, the legal authorities saw nothing, heard nothing and did not even smell anything amiss. And by so doing, they failed to fulfill their role as guardians of the law.

Perhaps blushing a little over how a minor player like Har-Shefi gets the full treatment in court, while Raviv wanders around a free man, the state attorney said she will make a decision about Raviv's file within a few weeks. Truly, the wheels of justice, when it comes to politics, grind exceedingly slow. Let us see if this is merely a sop to silence their critics – or whether it really will happen.

The only glimmer of light in this murky world is Gillon's replacement, Ami Ayalon. He made it a priority when he came into the job to clean out the stables of the secret service.

Ayalon has informed Rubinstein that the GSS no longer objects to Raviv being tried. The state lawyers may agonize. But let them remember that there is a powerful element in the human psyche which calls for natural justice.

If a minor cog in the Rabin affair faces a prison term then surely the inciter-in-chief, and those who employed and trained Raviv should also be punished for their wickedness.

The (mis)rule of law

DANIEL DORON

The rule of law is weakened because the law is increasingly perceived as an instrument of statism that is becoming so complex and overbearing, that it is difficult to enforce equitably.

This poses great risks to society; indeed, to civilization. Despite its obvious imperfections and frequent inability to deliver justice, the law is still the chief means of protecting freedom from anarchy, nations from chaos. In Israel, rampant statism has been causing an epidemic of contempt for the law that may destroy the fragile basis of our civil order.

However, those concerned for the rule of law must also realize that legitimate criticism is vital to the health of the legal system. It is no secret that seeking justice in Israel is a tortuously long and costly process, and that when finally rendered, justice is often too late or impossible to enforce. That these serious problems have not been vigorously tackled indicates, perhaps, that our judicial system has become immune to constructive criticism.

Because our judiciary enjoys wide autonomy and is self administering, some critics unfairly hold its chiefs solely responsible for its unholy mess. However, while the judiciary may be autonomous, it is not entirely independent. For one, it must contend with an onerous burden imposed by legislative-happy politicians and a Justice Ministry who promote the illusion that the state can solve most problems if just granted sweeping enough legal power.

Some would argue that the judicial bureaucracy is even more responsible than our control-freak politicians for turning Israel into a desperately litigious society. This debilitates the already underfunded and overworked legal system, and imposes high social and economic costs.

Lawyers literally govern our lives

tions they held), and you discern the symptoms of a society and a legal system overdosed on statism.

This is no accident. Lawyers literally govern our lives.

They are a majority in the Knesset, spending much time creating legal constraints that make us dependent on them and on the bureaucracy's power. Meanwhile, their colleagues successfully exploit this dependency to devise profitable ways to finesse the law.

TO BE reasonably effective and equitable, the law, like government, must be simple, transparent and limited. As it encroaches on more and more spheres, the law is bound to become too complex and arcane and subject to manipulative interpretation.

Vulnerable to political pressure and with limited resources, enforcement agencies will always be selective in applying the law, with those who can afford the $500 an hour lawyers or possessing political clout getting or buying more and better "justice."

Unfortunately, the legal system, like all else, is subject to the law of diminishing returns. Those who believe that everything is adjudicable must remember that the law risks becoming a mockery when it tries to reach beyond what is at best a shaky social contract in fragmented modern societies, or its limited powers of enforcement.

There is another reason why the law is disrespected in Israel. Most law is based on property rights. But Israel's socialist heritage and statist ethos have inculcated contempt for property and a belief that for "the common good," it can be violated with impunity (hence our bureaucracy's voracious appetite for taxing and appropriating property with abandon).

The socialist-Zionist ethos also aspired to abolish private property altogether, considering it basically immoral. This is why the majority of the country's assets, most land, resources and capital have been nationalized, ostensibly to be put in "public" trust. In effect, they were handed over to a politicized bureaucracy, which habitually acts as if it is above the law.

When the law is so often flaunted by the authorities, treated by their leaders as merely an expediency to be conveniently manipulated, Israelis feel it is not so terrible to cheat on income tax, disobey traffic rules and engage in predatory business practices, not to mention to resort to violence when they feel too frustrated.

The law, unfortunately, is also perceived by too many Israelis as an arbitrary instrument of the elite that exploits them. Since it fails to protect them from violence against their person and property they lose any residue of respect they had for it.

A very basic change of our statist system and the attitudes it engenders toward property rights and the law will therefore have to occur before efforts to heal our judicial system can become effective.

The View From the East

DAOUD KUTTAB

PLC asserts itself

The Palestinian Legislative Council had an interesting debate on Monday. Responding to a call for a vote of confidence in the Palestinian National Authority government, the 88-member council debated whether to vote the confidence issue or to accept the request by President Arafat for a 10-day reprieve.

Speaker of the Council, Ahmed Qurie (Abu Ala), presented the legislature with a letter asking for a 10-day delay. Another letter, approved by the secretary of the PLO's executive committee, Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen), also included a similar commitment. A heated two-hour debate ensued, which was animated by the use of World Cup terminology to reflect a variety of opinions within the legislature.

In the end, agreement was reached to postpone the confidence session until a week from today. But there is no doubt that for the first time in modern Palestinian history – some would say even modern Arab history – parliamentarians have succeeded in shaking up the tranquillity and stability traditionally enjoyed by the executive branch.

One year ago, the Palestinian Legislative Council was suffering from oblivion and general media obscurity. The Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation was making no mention of the PLC or its sessions and the national Palestinian press was giving very little coverage to its deliberations.

But the discussion of the national budget proved to be a catalyst. For months before the debate, PLC members had demanded to have the right to review, discuss and finally approve the national budget.

For 30 years, during the full Israeli occupation, the Palestinian public was not allowed to know how their taxes were being spent. Now that a Palestinian national authority was in charge, they wanted to know where every dinar was going.

The Fatah-dominated council had reached an agreement with Arafat. The deal called for the finance minister to submit, for the first time, a budget. In return, the parliamentarians promised the leader of their party they would approve the budget.

BUT as is often the case, the process didn't turn out as planned. The budget's publication allowed for criticism as to how the taxpayers' money was being spent. A heated session on May 20 included direct accusations against the PNA for allowing ministers to spend way beyond what is acceptable.

Worst of all was the attack against the monopolies that had been established with the support of, and sometimes in partnership with, the PNA. This debate, which was aired live on a local television station in Ramallah and distributed to many other stations, caused much unease among many senior officials, and the director of the TV station was detained.

When the discussion continued in the public sphere, the PNA released its own report about corruption. The publication of this internal report aimed at stopping the criticism, but instead it simply confirmed and legitimized the debate.

The entire discussion and its various reactions raised the profile of the Palestinian Legislative Council, increased press coverage and made the council members much angrier. Since then, a consistent demand for change has been the most repeated request made by the legislators.

While it has taken a year for the executive branch of the Palestinian National Authority to act, there is no doubt that its persistence and the genuine threat (especially by the supporters of Arafat's own Fatah faction) to place a vote of no confidence in the government, has brought results.

In Monday's debate, the issue of a change in the government was no longer demanded. More than one legislator said, using terminology borrowed from the soccer field, we are not interested in a personal substitution.

They demanded real reform rather than a mere change in personnel. No one wants one corrupt minister replaced by another who, in a short space of time, will also be corrupted.

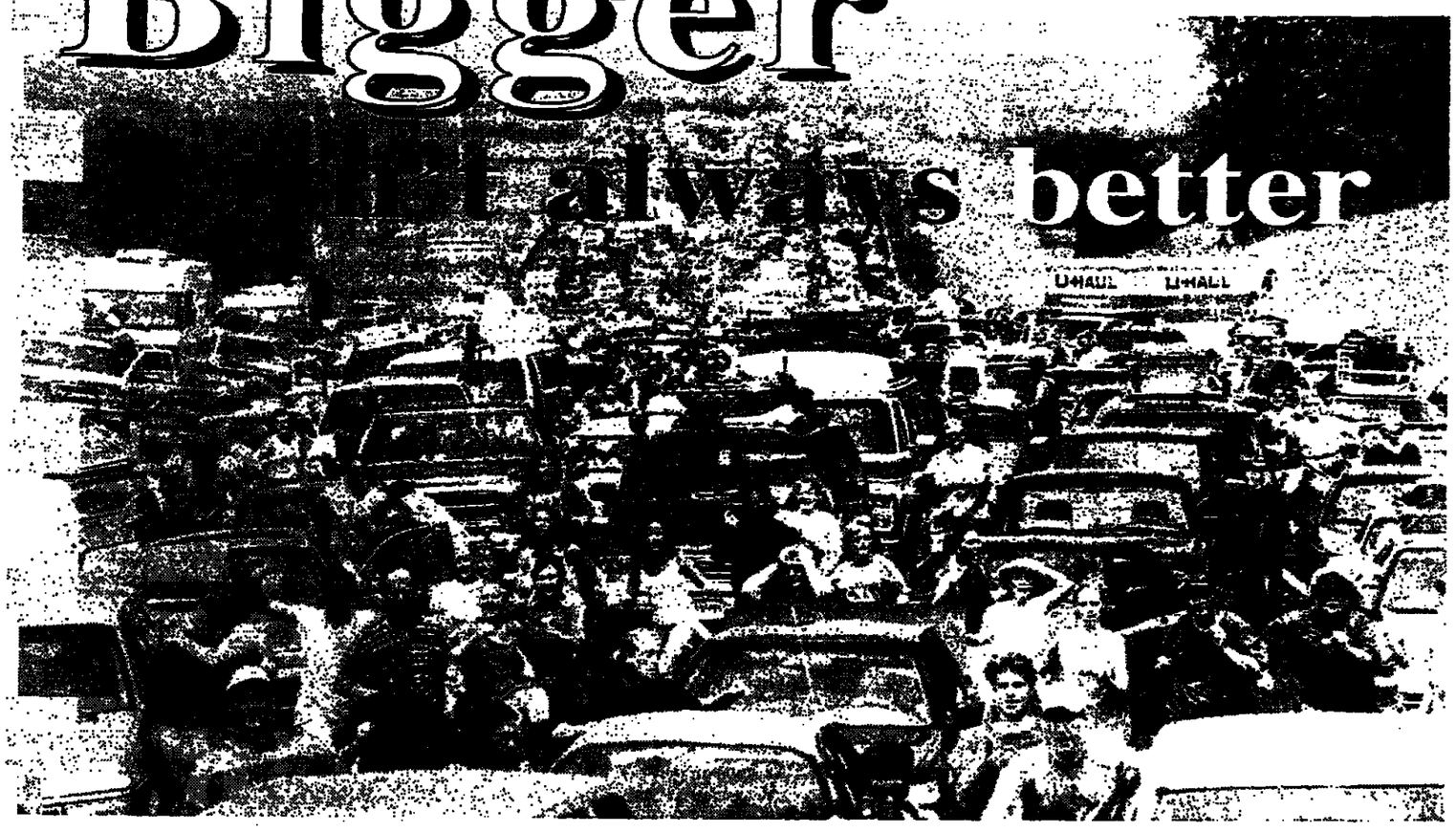
While it is unlikely that real reform will take place overnight, the mere fact that a small group of independent legislators were able to force the Palestinian government to respond to their demands for reform is commendable.

And although the national struggle has and will continue to take precedence over internal issues, the future of Palestine will depend as much on the success in the negotiations for Palestinian lands as on the building of a civil society that respects the freedoms and rights of its citizens.

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Weekender

Bigger is always better



A comet on a collision course with Earth causes panic on the streets in 'Deep Impact' (above) and also in the forthcoming 'Armageddon.'

Too many movies 'present spectacle at the expense of depth'

By JOHN HORN

Is bigger necessarily better? The 1998 summer movie season is overflowing with pyrotechnics, wild special effects and end-of-the-world scenarios.

The Walt Disney Co. has made its most expensive movie ever, a 500-foot-tall (150-meter) *Godzilla* will invade New York and one of Hollywood's top directors (Steven Spielberg) is collaborating with one of the world's top stars (Tom Hanks).

For all the flash and sizzle, the makers of these spectacles also realize explosions can no longer supplant emotions.

Hundreds of millions of teenagers didn't go see *Titanic* just to watch a big boat sink. They went to witness melodramatic passion, to have a cry with Leo and Kate.

"The new wave and continuing wave of summer event films requires more than just a visual spectacle," says Rob Fried, one of the executive producers of *Godzilla*, released in the US on May 20.

"*Godzilla* is an emotional movie. I swear to you, it is. [The filmmakers] created a film with a soul. And I don't think people expect that," he says.

This summer's movies were written and developed well before *Titanic* debuted to its spectacular returns. That doesn't mean the film's lessons are lost on Hollywood. Not too long ago, the goal of many studios was to throw as many fireworks onto the screen as would fit. *The Lost World: Jurassic Park* and *Speed 2: Cruise Control* weren't made because they improved on their predecessors' stories or hit some new emotional truth.

They simply made more noise.

"We're still sucked in by the capacity of film to dazzle in a way it never could before," says Bruce Joel Rubin, the co-screenwriter of *Deep Impact*, currently showing in Israeli cinemas. "But the audience is starting to say, 'We've seen that.' They want to experience another person's life without living it.

"The best thing a movie can do is present spectacle and depth at the same time. But a lot of movies present spectacle at the expense of depth. And spectacle is so much easier to achieve." The new crop of summer movies seeks to use technology in the service of story. And some of them are actually rather smart for the popcorn season.

"I think the audience is definitely smarter than we give them credit for," says Andrew Niccol, the writer of *The Truman Show*, starring Jim Carrey as a man unwillingly caught in a 24-hour-a-day television show about his life. Unlike many Hollywood films, Niccol and director Peter Weir don't stop to explain the film's plot; its show-within-a-show conceit isn't revealed until *The Truman Show* is nearly halfway over.

"The problem is we are so used to following the bouncing ball that for the first 30 minutes you don't know what's going on, which is very unusual," Niccol says.

In place of Carrey's typical crass humor, *The Truman Show* is far darker, a meditation on the media and society. Early test audiences, Niccol says, "certainly weren't expecting it. They were not expecting anything other than a Jim Carrey film, so they expected an out-and-out comedy, which this obviously isn't." All the same, he says, only a few were confused by the change of pace. *The Truman Show* debuted in the US on June 5.

"You can't keep making the same action movies over and over again," says Mimi Leder, the director of the comet drama *Deep Impact*, which stars Tea Leoni, Robert Duvall and Morgan Freeman. "We have to infuse some heart in these stories because they're getting really dusty." Most of the many revisions on the script for *Armageddon*, the summer's second asteroid drama, were focused on developing the film's love story and personal relationships. The film, Disney's costliest ever, opens in the US July 1. It stars Bruce Willis, Ben Affleck and Billy Bob Thornton.

"We kept working and working on these characters to make them live and breathe," says Jerry Bruckheimer, the film's producer. Willis, the producer says, was initially hesitant to commit to the project because the script wasn't quite right yet, and didn't have adequate plot development.

Both *Deep Impact* and *Armageddon* are set in the days before an enormous comet is set to collide with Earth. *Deep Impact* focuses more closely on how such a threat affects people on Earth — how does the world respond to a collective annihilation? *Armageddon* pays more attention to the ragtag band of astronauts sent into space to blow up the asteroid — will they be heroes and save the world or die trying?

"One of the things I was most interested in was how do you say goodbye to the ones you love," says Leder. Even though the plot of *Deep Impact* is driven by an outer-space asteroid, "I was really trying to get it back to a story about people on Earth," she says.

Without emotional connections, Bruckheimer says, the audience is a passive spectator in the film. "You have to get them invested in the characters," he says. "We're in the transportation business. We want to take you to another place.

We want you to be on that asteroid with them."

Armageddon, said to cost more than $100 million, features a whopping 250 special-effects shots. "But this is not an asteroid movie," says director Michael Bay. "Some of the best scenes in the movie are the small scenes. The effects don't mean anything ultimately. They're cool and they're exciting, but you have to feel something afterward."

For Spielberg and Hanks's *Saving Private Ryan*, a World War II drama opening in the US on July 24, DreamWorks sought to create a world that would be impossible to visit otherwise. Instead of an asteroid or a giant lizard, its world is a body-strewn battlefield.

"As the use of digital technology has evolved over the last five years, we might have gone from a time where special effects were considered an end in themselves to a time when they are just one of the tools used to tell a story," says Walter Parkes, of DreamWorks' motion picture division.

"But if there's a trend back toward storytelling, it can't be a bad thing." (AP)

Hot tips

By DAHLIA SCHEINDLIN

Tel Aviv

Pop steals the scene this weekend, with heavy hitters playing all around town. Start off by emptying your pockets for a good cause: **Yehuda Poliker**, armed with a snazzy new single in anticipation of his next album, plays a benefit concert tonight. The proceeds will help establish a new mental health center. Tickets (gulp) are NIS 200-300. The Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center at 8:30 p.m. Call (03) 640-8055.

Saturday night completes the picture with the gentle and lyrical **Etti Ankri** playing a concert to show off her latest album, *Nonetheless and Regardless*. With her sultry voice, intercultural music, and the accompaniment of the ubiquitous **Rafi Kadishson**, this will be one of the more pleasant Saturday night summer activities. It takes place at the elegant Enav Cultural Center on the roof of Gan Ha'ir, overlooking Kikar Rabin. Starts at 9:30 p.m.

But don't wait until Saturday night to get to Enav. Tonight, the center wins the originality award hands down with "**Hatikvot**" (The Hopes), a collection of video works from the creative to the experimental. The presentations are the work of young artists who believe that video is the future. Starts at 9 p.m. Call (03) 521-7763 for details.

Looking for a subversive activity instead of the traditional Friday night? ***Sabotage Baby*** says it all, and is perhaps **Batsheva's** most outrageous extravaganza to date. The costumes and lighting are wild enough, not to mention the dancing. Witness the event at the cavernous Cinerama, down on Petah Tikva road, for the last performances of the season. Call 03-527-9797.

A fascinating scene will take hold of Tel Aviv next week, starting on Friday night (see "And Points Beyond"). Israel's version of **Gay Pride Week** is beautifully organized and has gathered an impressive crowd in its honor, for an event on Sunday night. This will be an evening of skits, songs and performances called "From Tzavta with Pride," at the Tzavta. The VIP guest list features radio and TV personality Merav Michaeli, as well as Assaf Amdorsky, Orly Banai, and Sivan Shavit. 8:30 p.m. (03) 620-4327 (03) 6201977

Jerusalem

A brand-new play is at the Khan tonight, entitled ***Conversations after a Funeral***. This is an extended family story revolving around the funeral of the father. Starts at 8:30 at the Khan, near the train station.

Even on a Friday afternoon, Jerusalem has funk in its soul! **Alternativa** features Jean-Claude Jones on double bass, Assaf Sirkis on drums, etc. This is a perfect *time to soak up sun and free style* music at Habama, 4 Yad Harutzim. Starts at 2:30 p.m., Call (02) 673-3814.

And in case audiences have difficulty relinquishing this pleasant Jerusalem music scene at the end of the weekend, Saturday night jazz is the coolest way to swing into the week. At the Bible Lands Museum, 25 Granot Street, as part of its **Summer Jazz series**, Leonid Petashkon and Ara'le Kaminsky perform tonight in a show called From East to West. (02) 561-1066

Hard-core ethnic music fans, however, should head to the Confederation House, where **Ensemble Demm** plays on Saturday night. The in-house band plays music of Dagestani immigrants, which is a mixture of Persian, Turkish and Azerbaijani *music, with a few Dagestani and* Chechyan tunes thrown in. Don't even try to imagine it, just go. With Zarbi Maqam. Starting at 9 p.m., 12 Emil Botta.

Beit Agnon is holding the last talk in its **The Late Agnon series** tonight. The lecture is entitled "Korot Bateinu," given by Dr. Ariel Hirschfield. 16 Klausner Street, 8 p.m. (02) 671-6498.



Yehuda Poliker plays a benefit concert at The Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center, tonight at 8:30. (Michal Heiman)

And Points Beyond

There will be an enormous bash in Haifa for a grand kick-off of **Gay Pride week**. The party starts at 11 p.m. on the Haifa Port, at the Dyke Club. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Haifa, in fact, is the spot for other interesting events: **Barry Sakharov** performs tonight at Kiryat Haim at the Zoo B Club starting at 10 p.m.

Television

Seven with **Brad Pitt** and Morgan Freeman offers junk-food fun and yucky blood fests. Channel 2, 10 p.m.

But if you're feeling more turned on to the real-life drama of history itself, watch ***The Last Days of Pompeii*** (1935), starting at 1:15 this afternoon on the Movie Channel.

Zoom into the party zone

By RUTH MARKS

Through the sea of pumping beats and the maze of nightclubs that fill Tel Aviv's old port, it is not difficult to find Zoom, one of the city's newest night spots.

Leaving behind the smell of *al ha'aish* restaurants that sit on the northern end of Dizengoff street, you enter the party zone. The first few nightclubs that greet you seem to be popular among pre-army age youngsters. The beat of their middle-of-the-road pop drifts into the night air, rising above their youthful chatter.

Zoom is further inside the old port, its bright pink and purple neon sign shining down on the crowd of party goers desperately trying to enter. It boasts a 25-plus age requirement and, as is typical with many local nightclubs, the bouncers have strict instructions to allow only people with the right image to enter.

The modernity of the club is striking. The ceiling is high with a balcony overlooking the dance floor for those who simply like to watch others dance. The place stretches right up to the water's edge, with the pleasant sea breeze cooling off the outside dance floor.

A large bar is slap bang in the center of this huge one-time warehouse, offering a wide selection of beers, wines and spirits. There is no pushing and shoving at this bar, as there is room enough for everyone to comfortably order their drinks.

Inside, large, old-fashioned sofas and long, bench-like beds line the walls. But outside is where it all happens.

Three enormous speakers are spaced across the dance floor, and the DJ plays song after song of contemporary pop and Eurotrash to get the crowd moving.

By 2 a.m. the place is buzzing, filled with Tel Aviv's trendy twenty-somethings.

The night we were there, Israel's current songwriter hero Zvika Pik (who penned "Diva," Dana International's winning Eurovision Song Contest hit) was sitting in the club, surrounded by a group of sexy Israeli women with bodies that Dana International would kill for.

A year ago, Zoom was just an open-air disco recently new compared to its neighboring nightclub Octopus. Less than eight months ago, based on last summer's success, the owners decided to upgrade the club and built the modern inside section.

Zoom is open Fridays (and some Thursdays) from midnight until 6 a.m. During the week the club can be rented for private functions and parties.

As we leave at 3:30 a.m., the whole port is alive and buzzing with activity. Crowds of people are still attempting to push their way past the bouncers to pay the NIS 50 entrance fee and dance until the sun comes up. Others are content to dance in the street, as the music can be heard all around.

When we get back to Dizengoff, the restaurants and cafés are packed with young people standing around chatting and laughing as if this Friday night would never end.

Zoom, Old Port, Tel Aviv

AFTER HOURS

Music on my mind

Basketball legend Aulcie Perry talks about his favorite singers

Aulcie Perry draws a crowd at every turn. Although he was away from Israel for 10 years and only returned in 1996, his fame here has grown.

He of the once-formidable sports talent and unmistakable, imposing presence (2.10 meters) cannot step out in public without being swamped by fans eager for a handshake, which is always graciously supplied by Aulcie Perry.

A star basketball player with Maccabi Tel Aviv from 1976 to 1985, Perry fell from grace after being arrested and serving time on drug charges in the US.

Perry – who underwent an Orthodox conversion in 1978 – was rescued by a group of Israelis who offered him a ticket home and a partnership in a burger franchise. As the manager of a Burger Ranch in Tel Aviv, he's been shaking his head in gratitude and wonder ever since.

His beginner's level Hebrew sees him through talk shows, where he's asked his opinion on everything from the jubilee to jazz. Here he speaks about the lyrics and performance styles of *the musical artists he listens to* when he's far from the madding Israeli crowd.



1. Whitney Houston

"She's the queen of R&B and pop, although it's very difficult to characterize Whitney because her range and her professionalism are boundless. I was lucky enough to *hear her perform live* at the Meadowlands in New Jersey. She captures an audience without a lot of fanfare. [Many of] today's musicians need cranes – they're *flying through the air, [using]* lights and drama. Whitney does it all without that. She doesn't need tricks or stage business. It's just her voice which reigns supreme."

2. Joe

"Joe is a new R&B artist whose soulful ballads have pushed him to the top of the charts. What gets me about Joe are the lyrics – he's a love-song singer. I'm a very sentimental guy, and I always pay attention to the words. When you listen *to Joe, you want to be at home with* that someone you really care about. He connects you to real love situations, now and in the past."

3. The Reverend Kirk Franklin and Nu Nation

"He's revolutionized the gospel industry. He took rap music, which had become very violent and vulgar, he took the beat and the rap and did a crossover into gospel and made it pop. You can't listen to it and say, 'This is gospel.' You can relate Franklin's music to God or to the life force itself. His music should be classified under a new musical category: Very Special."

4. Shlomo Artzi

"He's *the* male artist of Israel, a very unique voice: raspy, but with a lot of range. The first time I *heard him, my Hebrew still wasn't* the best so I couldn't understand the lyrics that well. It was the music and the arrangements that first captured me. What really got me is when I started to go to his concerts (by then I could understand the lyrics); his showmanship on stage. I heard him live at the Mann Auditorium. I could feel how he touched the audience. It was very special to experience. There's also the confidence he has in himself. A musician has to have a lot of confidence. He also creates *an entire ensemble; all the musi*cians [on stage] display their talents. Often the key musician is the show. Artzi gives them all a chance to shine. I liken it to being a creative success, be it on the stage, the recording studio, on the court, or in business. It's a team effort."

5. Rita

"I've saved the best for last. Pow! That voice hits you. And her performance...it's unbelievable. You have a total package in her concerts. In this case, her stage show – excellent singers, excellent dancers, excellent choreography – complements her performance. She gives you everything. She's *created a classic, classy act. She's* not just a singer; she's a tremendous artist. Rita's voice, personality and persona fill a big space."

- Joan Weinberg

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Phyllis's Tips



By PHYLLIS GLAZER

Time out (good)

Pesek Zman (Time Out) is one of Israelis' favorite chocolate wafer bars. Now you can get mini ones in a special gift package that includes a ceramic cup with a twirl-able basketball on the handle. The kids loved the funny cup and pounced on the two 200 gr. packages of mini chocolate bars. Pesek Zman is relatively good in the sense that it doesn't contain the wealth of additives found in most candy.

The gift package, which will be available during the month of June or until supplies run out, sells for NIS 29.90. It makes a fun present to bring to a birthday party or just to pamper a kid you know.

Dream on (avoid)

This summer Strauss is adding a new brand of "family" ice cream to its ice cream line. In case you're wondering what "family" ice cream is, it means that it comes in large containers, is relatively inexpensive compared to the luxury ice creams, and usually has *mein bubba's ta'am* (Yiddish for "my grandmother's taste," meaning it leaves something to be desired.)

Strauss's new line, called Halomot (dreams) includes the usual combinations like vanilla with chocolate crumbs; chocolate with rum and raisins; and vanilla/mocha. The line also includes diet ice cream in packages of vanilla/chocolate and vanilla/strawberry.

Also sold under the same label is Halomot Alaska, which is yogurt-based and sold in cartons of vanilla/chocolate and vanilla/strawberry.

We tasted two of the regular ice creams: the vanilla pecan and the strawberry/banana. The vanilla has that decidedly artificial vanilla taste that real vanilla lovers abhor. The glazed pecans (and indeed the whole ice cream) were far too sweet. The strawberry ice cream tastes good, but has exactly the artificial red food colorings – E-122 and E-124 – that should be avoided. The banana was so bad it tasted like it should have been reserved for Bozo the clown.

Packed in two-liter containers, Halomot strawberry/banana or vanilla/chocolate ice cream sells for NIS 26.80. The vanilla pecan, packed in a one-liter container, sells for NIS 16.90. Frozen yogurt in vanilla/strawberry or vanilla/chocolate sells for NIS 26.80 for two liters.

Real gouda (excellent)

If you like the taste of real gouda cheese, you'll love the new Israeli version. It is made by Beit Yitzhak, which is one of the oldest dairies in Israel (since 1962) and belongs to the Meir family of Holland. Gouda cheese is the most popular cheese in Holland, accounting for 80 percent of the hard cheese sold there. Beit Yitzhak's gouda cheese is the closest to the real thing we've tasted here. Sells for NIS 6 for 100 gr.

Enriched milk (excellent)

Tara's new calcium-enriched milk – containing 44 percent more calcium than regular 3% milk and 4.1 gr. instead of 3 gr. protein per liter – tastes just as good as regular milk, but provides more nutritional value and has a higher price – NIS 5.40 for a 1 liter carton.

Chokoleet chocolate (fair)

Probably most of the kids in Israel grew up on the Chokoleet instant cocoa powder first introduced 32 years ago. Rather than try to convince their kids to drink milk, parents took the easy way out, thinking that it was a great way for their kids to get calcium.

Surprise! Cocoa prevents total absorption of calcium, so that what the kids are basically getting is protein, sugar and natural and artificial ingredients.

Now Elite, which manufactures Chokoleet, is offering free flexible mini-dolls in each 500 gr. package. The 500 gr. package costs NIS 11.30.

If you really want to give your kids a treat, make them hot cocoa in the traditional way – with cocoa powder. Once they taste the real thing, they'll know the difference.

Ready-made blintzes (OK)

If you want these blintzes to come out right, don't follow the directions on the package. Rich's blintzes batter mix (marketed here by Vita) is an instant powdered mixture to which you add water. Don't fry blintzes on both sides like the package suggests – fry them on one side, fill them and then fry the stuffed blintz till golden.

The label also suggests, "For a slightly milky flavor, add Coffee Rich instead of the water." I would use milk instead. Coffee Rich (also marketed by Vita) is an artificial milk substitute that tastes like an artificial milk substitute. The blintzes tasted OK, but it really isn't that hard to make them yourself from scratch.

FEEL

By PHYLLIS GLAZER

Is there really such a thing as Vitamin F?
– Molly Ganz, Netanya

Vitamin F is found in vegetable oils such as soybean, peanut, safflower, corn and linseed. It is considered a growth-promoting factor necessary for healthy skin, hair and glands. It also helps cells absorb calcium and is thought to be instrumental in lowering cholesterol.

What is bancha tea and where can I get it?
– Estelle Milstein, Kiryat Haim

Bancha is a green tea that is harvested when it is very young, a process that results in a low caffein content. It also contains calcium. You can buy it in health-food stores and Far Eastern food markets. It also is available toasted.

Summer is coming and so is ice cream season. Could you please recommend a good ice cream for us people who are concerned about cholesterol? I have heard there is one based on tofu. Could you tell me if it is available in the Ra'anana area, or about any other suitable ice cream.
– M. Rosen, Ra'anana

Really good ice cream, the kind Americans tend to like, is always made with eggs and cream. There are a few types of tofu-based ice creams available, like Tofutti. They are sold mostly at health-food stores and have no cholesterol because they are basically vegetable fat. The Tofutti vanilla ice cream sandwiches are pretty good, but tofu ice cream is rather an acquired taste.

How about having a small amount of really good ice cream once in a while, rather than consuming an artificial-tasting substitute often? Or try sorbets.

How much oatmeal do I need to eat in order to obtain the 3 grams of beta glucan that I read maximizes the reduction of the blood cholesterol level?
– Jonathan Paulson, Jerusalem

If you eat 1½ cups cooked oatmeal (made from ¾ cup dry), you'll be getting 3 grams of beta glucan.

READERS WRITE:

Jessica Fischer of Michmoret has finally provided us all with the long-awaited "Strawberry Jam in the Microwave Oven" recipe. Here it is.

STRAWBERRY JAM

4 cups ripe, firm strawberries
2 Tbsp. lemon juice
3 cups sugar

Wash the berries under cold running water in a colander. Drain well. Hull and slice. Discard any bruised fruit. Be sure to include some berries that are a little green. Combine with sugar and lemon juice in a 4-5 quart microwave-safe casserole to prevent it from boiling over.

Microwave uncovered on high until boiling for about seven minutes. Stir well. Continue cooking until juices are syrupy and slightly thickened, about 14 more minutes. Stir once or twice more. Watch the mixture closely – if it begins to boil over, reduce power to medium-high (70 percent).

Skim off foam. *Fill* clean jars with jam and cover tightly. Then refrigerate or freeze. The jam will continue to thicken as it stands, and if you can wait, will be just about right in 24 hours. (Makes 3–3½ cups.)

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1 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
90 gr. goat cheese, crumbled
5 cups hot cooked linguine (about 1¼ cups uncooked pasta)
1 cup thinly sliced fennel bulb (about 1 small bulb)

Combine boiling water and sun-dried tomatoes in a bowl; let stand 15 minutes. Drain and chop.

Combine tomatoes, parsley, basil, oil, juice, and cheese in a large bowl. Add linguine and fennel; toss well. Yield: 4 servings.

RIGATONI CAPRESE

This dish is based on the classic salad of tomatoes, fresh mozzarella and basil that hails from the island of Capri – hence the name Caprese.

6 cups hot cooked rigatoni, penne, or ziti (about 1½ cups uncooked pasta)
4 cups chopped plum tomato
1½ cups fresh basil leaves, thinly sliced
1 cup diced fresh mozzarella cheese
2 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
1 Tbsp. capers
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. freshly ground pepper
1 garlic clove, crushed
½ cup grated fresh Parmesan or Romano cheese

Combine first 4 ingredients in a large bowl. Combine oil, capers, salt, pepper, and garlic in a small bowl; stir well with a whisk. Pour over pasta mixture; toss gently. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese; toss well. Yield: 5 servings (serving size: 2 cups).

FARFALLE WITH RED CAESAR DRESSING

¼ cup grated fresh Parmesan cheese
2 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
1½ Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 Tbsp. lemon juice
1 Tbsp. anchovy paste
½ tsp. freshly ground pepper
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1 can tomato puree
6 cups hot cooked farfalle (about 5 cups uncooked bow tie pasta)
½ cup chopped fresh parsley

Combine first 8 ingredients in a large bowl; stir well with a whisk. Add pasta; toss well. Sprinkle with parsley. Yield: 4 servings (serving size: 1½ cups).

FUSILLI WITH BROCCOLI RABE AND POTATOES

Broccoli rabe resembles broccoli but has bigger leaves and smaller florets. It also has more of a peppery bite. You can substitute spinach or broccoli, if necessary.

1 cup low-salt chicken broth
1½ Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
½ tsp. crushed red pepper
¼ tsp. black pepper
3 garlic cloves, minced
2 cups cubed red potato
900gr. broccoli rabe, trimmed
4 cups hot cooked fusilli or gemelli (about 1 cup uncooked short twisted spaghetti)

Combine the first 5 ingredients in a large bowl.

Place the potato in a saucepan, and cover with water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat, and simmer for 7 minutes or until potato is tender.

Drain. Steam the broccoli rabe, covered, for 5 minutes. Cool. Squeeze out excess water, and coarsely chop. Add the potato, broccoli rabe, and pasta to broth mixture in bowl, and toss well. Yield: 4 servings (serving size: 2 cups).

PENNE WITH SPINACH, FETA, AND OLIVES

Ziti, rigatoni, or any other medium-sized pasta can be substituted for the penne. Any kind of olive may be used instead of kalamatas, but the flavor won't be as intense.

2 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
1 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar
3 garlic cloves, crushed
6 cups hot cooked penne (about 1½ cups uncooked tube-shaped pasta)
2 cups chopped spinach
¼ cup chopped pitted kalamata olives
2 tablespoons capers
¼ cup crumbled feta cheese

Combine first 3 ingredients in a large bowl. Add pasta, spinach, olives, capers, and cheese; toss well. Yield: 4 servings (serving size: 2 cups).

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[illegible] from the [illegible] of New York at [illegible] on a weekday evening. [illegible] get the family dinner [illegible] of 7 o'clock. [illegible] to come up with [illegible] quickly all four of us. [illegible], is a vegetarian who, [illegible] "won't eat anything [illegible]." Julie, at 15, seems [illegible] morning [illegible] satisfied with anything [illegible]. My wife, Susan, and I prefer that the meal be reasonably healthful and have a "grown-up" flair.

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[illegible] thousands of ways to augment [illegible] sauce out, only [illegible] 15 to 20 minutes of all, I've happily [illegible] are the surprising variety [illegible] throw-together pasta toppings [illegible] amenable to lighter, [illegible] using ingredients [illegible] on standby in [illegible] refrigerator and a [illegible] and impulse, [illegible] get memorable meals [illegible] not as much as setting [illegible] burner.

[illegible] these throw-together [illegible] ingredients separately pre-[illegible] they've become a [illegible] in our household. [illegible] couple of caveats. [illegible] and stock: all [illegible] ingredients. Impossible? [illegible] ing... and in some [illegible] stores. But today, [illegible] Italian pantry is as [illegible] for thought. Almost [illegible] of gourmet-food [illegible] anything you will [illegible] anchovy paste, balsamic [illegible] chicken broth, [illegible] plum tomatoes, [illegible], and, of course, [illegible] specialties.

[illegible] ingredients [illegible] even if it's only a [illegible] of chopped pars- [illegible] and these toss- [illegible] magically fresh. [illegible] While it's [illegible] the best quali- [illegible] our policy [illegible] investment when [illegible] ingredients [illegible] inhibited by [illegible] Cooking will [illegible] Extra-virgin [illegible] with the [illegible] of a dark, [illegible] version [illegible] with the [illegible] ...portant in [illegible] ...ledge of [illegible] ...Ideally [illegible] ...Double- [illegible] ...it [illegible] ...for [illegible] ...in [illegible] ...the way, [illegible] ...them [illegible] ...armed [illegible] ...cooling [illegible]. After a [illegible] ...will be [illegible] ...pasta is [illegible] ...for Susan [illegible] ...dish. [illegible] ...with Red [illegible] ...of [illegible] ...a splash of [illegible] ...added an [illegible] ...lingering flavor that [illegible] ...and, the bowl [illegible] was empty when I left for the airport.

Contentedly en route, I recalled Diane Sced's comment in *The Top One Hundred Pasta Sauces* (Ten Speed Press, 1995), a handy book for all pasta addicts. "Italians," she writes, "eat pasta every day, and they are not a people amused by monotony."

PASTA WITH ARUGULA AND SHAVED PARMESAN

Arugula is a peppery green found next to the fresh herbs in your supermarket. While it won't have the same bite, you can substitute spinach if desired.

2 cups chopped plum tomato
½ cup chopped pitted kalamata olives
1½ Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
½ tsp. crushed red pepper
¼ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. freshly ground pepper
2 garlic cloves, minced
4 cups hot cooked gemelli or fusilli (about 1 cup uncooked pasta twists)
3 cups torn trimmed arugula
60gr. shaved fresh Parmesan cheese

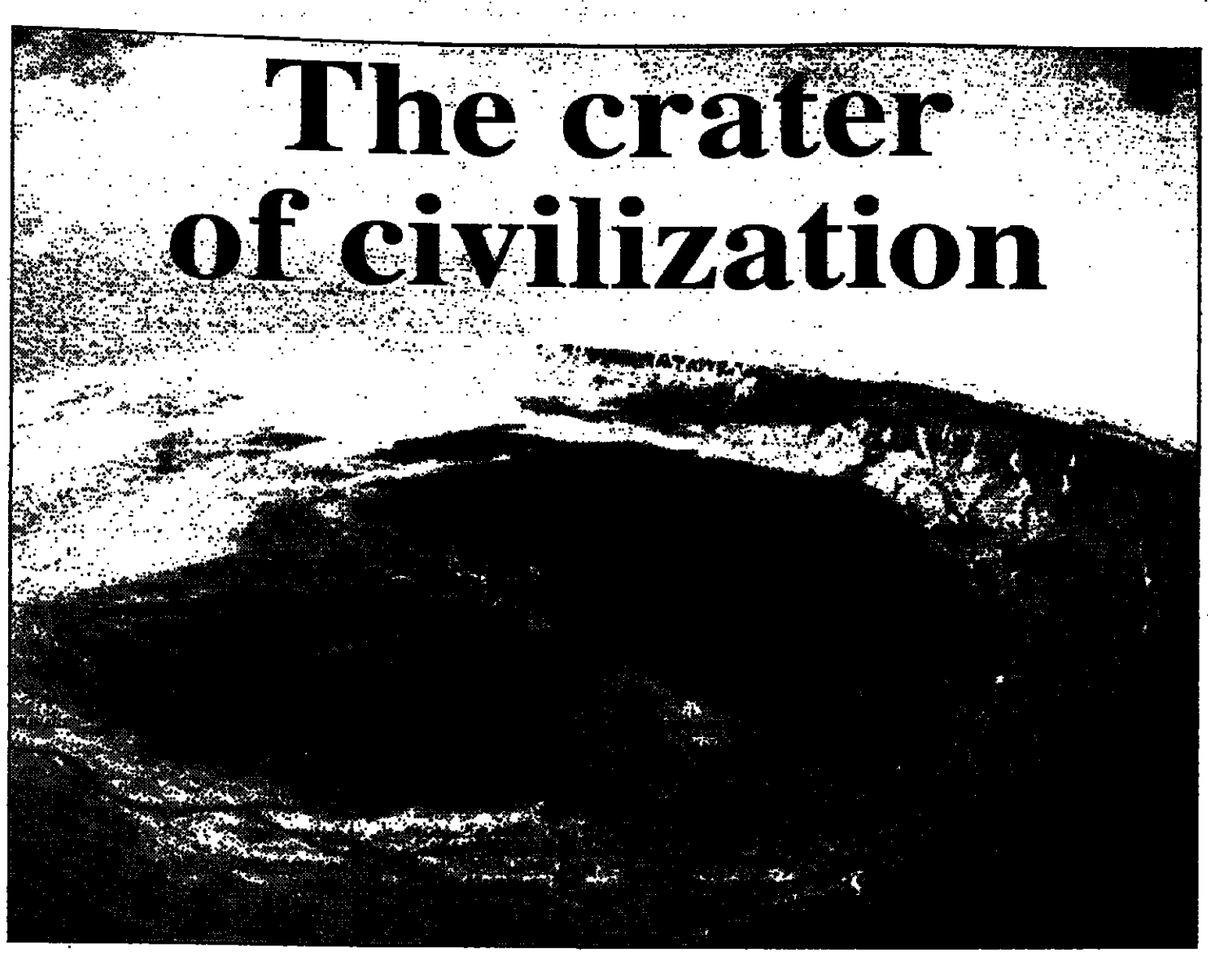
Combine the first 7 ingredients in a large bowl. Add pasta and arugula, and toss gently. Place 2 cups pasta mixture in each of 4 bowls, and sprinkle with cheese. Yield: 4 servings.

LINGUINE WITH GOAT CHEESE AND FENNEL

1 cup boiling water
½ cup sun-dried tomatoes, packed without oil
½ cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
1 Tbsp. chopped fresh basil
2 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil

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The crater of civilization



The cracks and masses of stone of the still-evolving Makhtesh Ramon, the largest crater of its kind, appear ready to crash down, though in reality this will take thousands of years.

Day Tripper

By HANI SHAPIRO

There is nothing so empty, that evokes such feelings of abandon, as an observatory at night.

These were the emotions I experienced when I visited the Mitzpe Ramon Observatory recently as part of a tour arranged by the Ramon Inn Hotel in Mitzpe Ramon.

In the center of a darkened room is the giant telescope, pointing out at the heavens. Occasionally there is a mechanical thud and a whir, as the telescope changes position slightly on its computerized path to follow the life and death of the stars.

Anyone imagining an eager scientist looking through the ideals could not be more wrong. The highly accurate telescope independently records its findings in a series of photographs. Although scientists often visit when they have observatory time, simply to ensure that everything is going smoothly, on the night we visited there was one lone technician reading a magazine in a room near the telescope.

There is far more romance outside the observatory, where the Milky Way forms a blanket across the sky, shining down on the darkened landscape. The clear air and the absence of lights allow for a unique view of the heavens. Even cars must drive with dimmed headlights in the area.

Makhtesh Ramon seems to hold the mystery of the skies. It is the largest *makhtesh*, a geological formation found only in Israel and Sinai, which is a mecca for geologists. According to our jeep driver and guide, Ben Dror, who took us up and down and in and out of the *makhtesh* wadis, the crater was formed as a result of a crack in the earth's surface when it rose, creating what might have been a mountain. The surface stone normally forms a hard layer upon contact with air, but this crack opened it up to the erosion of the softer stone underneath.

The process is still continuing and even if you only visit Mitzpe Ramon's easily accessible promenade on the edge of the *makhtesh* you can see cracks and huge masses of stone which seem about to break away and crash down into crater. Geologically speaking, that is what is about to happen, but since it will apparently take thousands of years for even the most precarious of these stone masses to topple over, we needn't worry.

It is impossible to navigate much of the *makhtesh* without a jeep, and impossible to decipher it without the aid of an experienced guide.

That does not mean that it is impossible to see any of Makhtesh Ramon in an ordinary car. Anyone can drive south from Mitzpe Ramon on the winding route known as Ma'aleh Akrabim. This is actually the beginning of a route to Eilat which offers a pleasant change for those used to going on the Arava Road.

Just as you reach the bottom of the descent, one of the most amazing geological phenomena, a series of long angular blocks of rock known as the Carpentry Shop, is easily accessible. Just a few kilometers farther are the remains of an ancient Nabatean caravan station.

Without a guide it is doubtful that I would have noticed the many fossils in the walls of the wadi and on the ground, and I certainly would not have been able to find the few bits of petrified wood which remain in the area.

I would also have been unable to find the small pool known to locals as the Mitzpe Ramon Beach. This is a pool of saline water that formed as a result of the activities of one of the few industries allowed to function in the *makhtesh*, the Negev Ceramics Works, which was there prior to the establishment of the state. Water from a local aquifer fills the pool – an area hollowed out in the course of harvesting clay. The pool is small, but large enough for a brief swim and despite its salinity, there are a few plants growing along the banks.

There are also, surprisingly enough, some small fish, which provided a mystery to local nature enthusiasts, who could not understand how the fish managed to reach this isolated body of water.

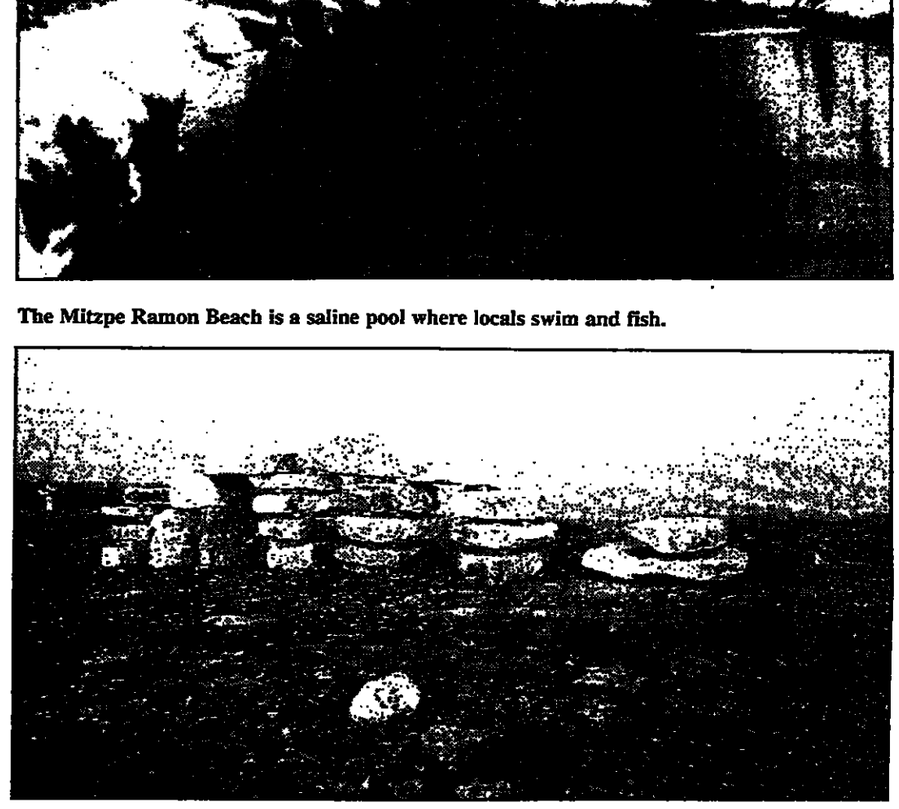
One theory was that migrating birds had dropped small fish or fish eggs as they flew past. Only later did a local resident admit that he was a fishing enthusiast and had introduced the fish to the pool in the hope of being able to pursue his hobby there.

We were tired and hot as our guide drove the jeep almost perpendicularly up a precipice, so that we could get a view of the entire area. At the top, I was surprised and delighted to find the Ramon Inn had set up a table with freshly squeezed orange juice and fresh strawberries. Unfortunately, this is not a service which the hotel provides for all of its guests, only special groups and VIPS.

The hotel does offer comfortable accommodation in a place where none previously existed and also serves surprisingly good meals, which have been reviewed previously. What it lacks is a large hot tub or jacuzzi in which guests can unwind and relax after a strenuous day of touring.

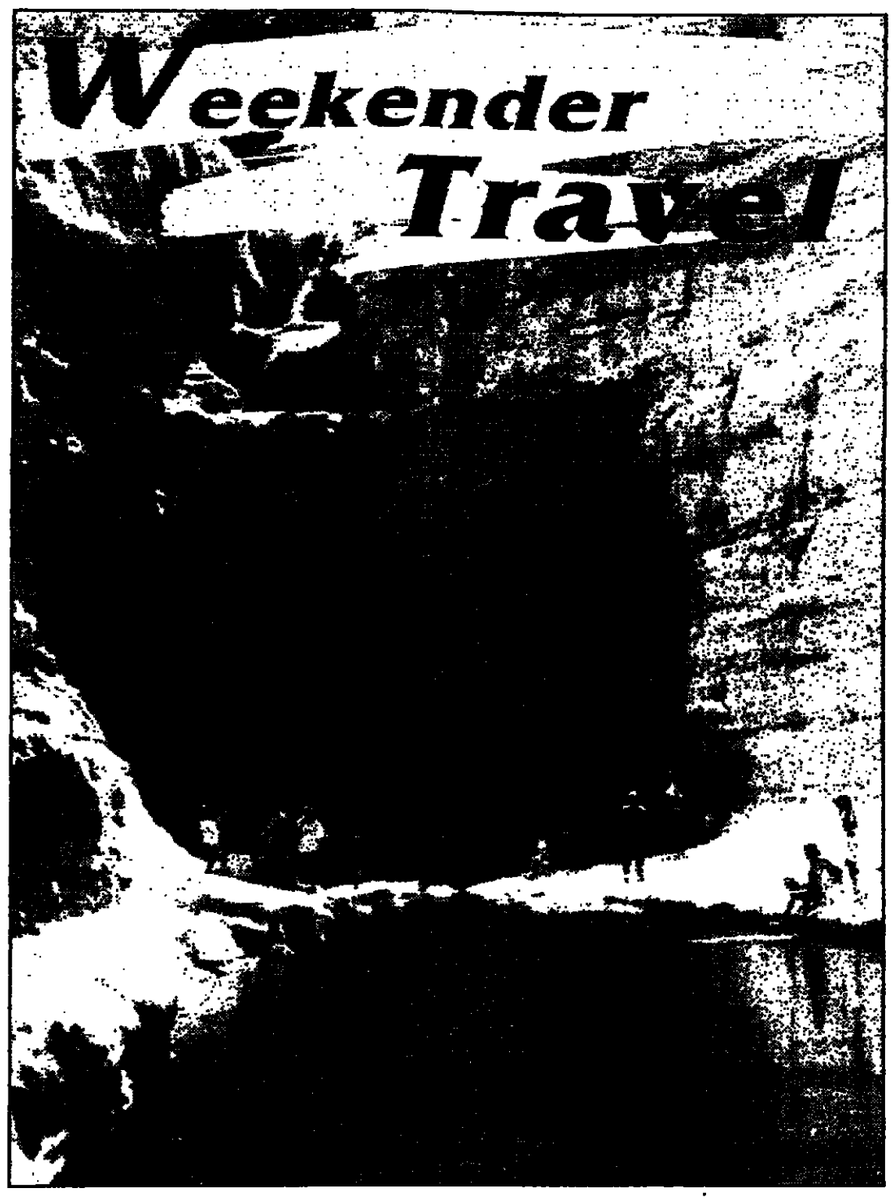


It is impossible to navigate much of the crater without a jeep – and to decipher its hidden treasures without an experienced guide.



At the bottom of the descent you will be greeted by the geological phenomenon known as the Carpentry Shop, a series of long angular blocks. (Tal Gluck)

Weekender Travel



The Mitzpe Ramon Beach is a saline pool where locals swim and fish.

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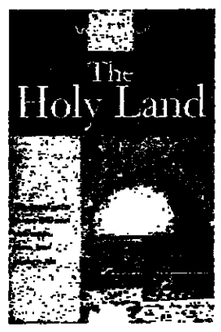
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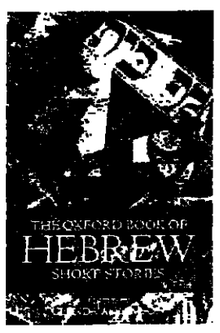
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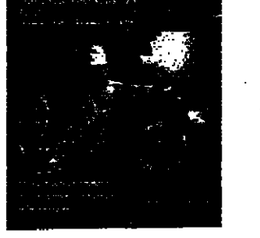
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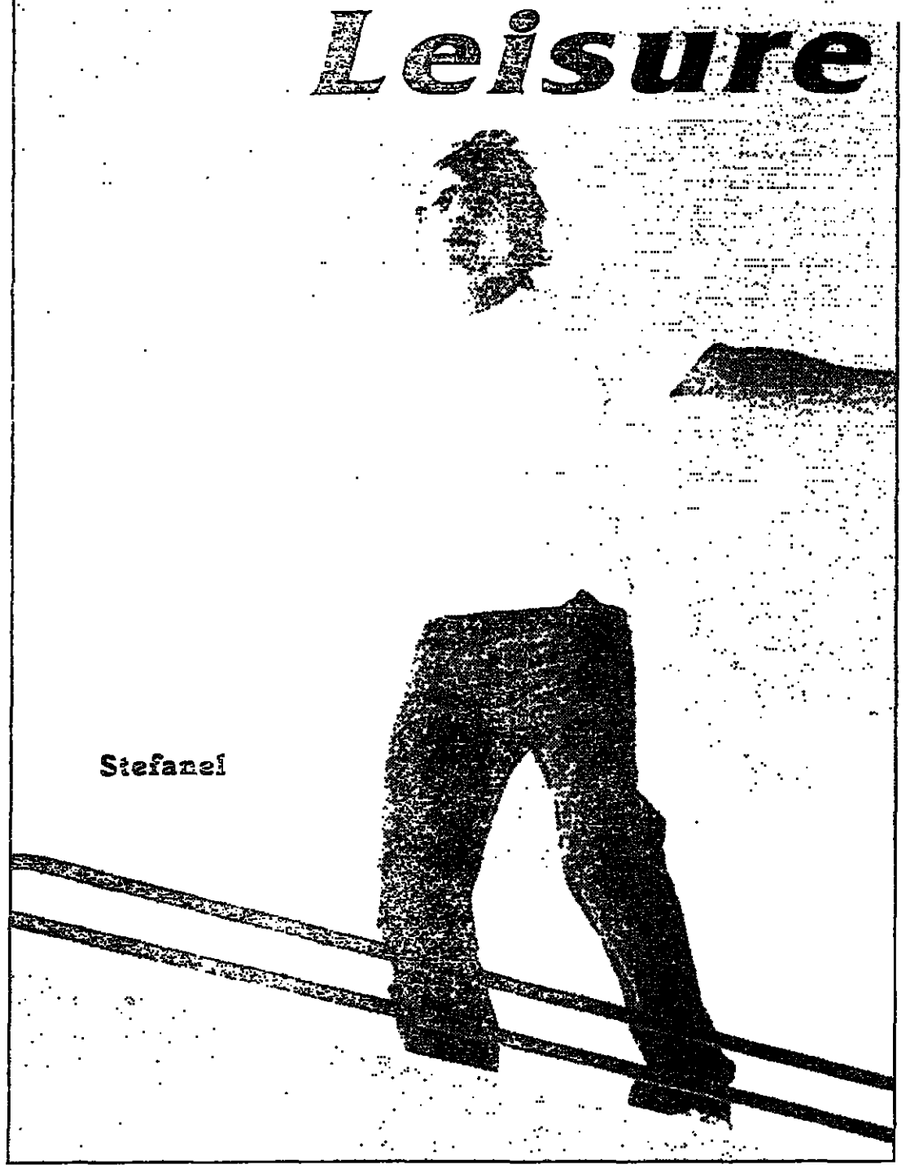
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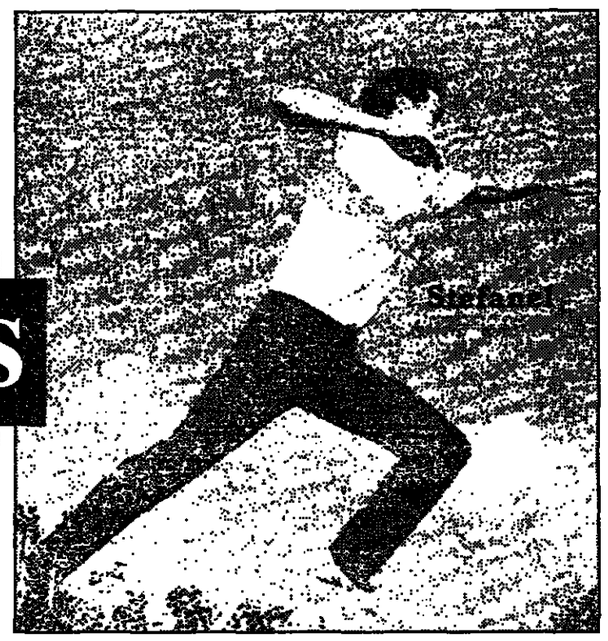
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Shlomit Solomon for Café



It's in the jeans

Flair
By Greer Fay Cashman

Ralph Lauren uses it; Calvin Klein does too, and Levi's has for well over a century. In fact, there aren't too many designers who give denim a miss.

Once a heavy-duty fabric worn by *miners, farmers and factory* workers, denim has come fashionably into its own. Its durability is not only in the strength of its cloth but in its perennial popularity.

From various shades of blue, denim has diversified both in color and texture, though the blues continue to resurface season after season.

From jeans, dungarees and overalls, denim has worked its way through to elegant evening wear.

Highly popular this season are denim pinafores, slip dresses, and skirts.

Denim is so commonly associated with jeans that in many places, the word "denim" has been dropped and has been replaced by "jeans."

Either way, the fabric has been stone-washed, sun-bleached, printed, embroidered, appliquéd and patchworked. In fact, it has all but lost its identity.

The denim range in the Dorin Frankfurt collection, for instance, has a satin finish.

Some of the Castro denims also have a luxurious feel. The Castro Complice line, though sporty, has a kind of rodeo-style elegance, with fancy stitching and intriguingly shaped yokes.

Lee hipster jeans are much more down to earth.

Though the label on the jeans is of some significance, what really counts is the shape and the number of pockets.

Shlomit Solomon most decidedly *took pockets into account in* the updated bra-strap dungarees which she designed for Café.

Wide suspender straps have been exchanged for something rather flimsy in comparison, and the traditionally square neckline now dips down.

Solomon transformed what was originally a male or unisex garment into a very female item of clothing.

Whether plain or fancy, denim is ubiquitous. You see it coming and going, and it seems to cross most *social barriers.*

Even in haredi circles, for instance, women wear denim skirts and jackets. And it is not inconceivable that the young women who belong to the national religious camp inspired what has become a worldwide trend.

Years ago, when they started wearing tee-shirts under denim sundresses, it had nothing to to do with protecting themselves from the sun. It was simply that they wanted to wear similar clothes to those of their non-observant sisters. But for reasons of modesty, they had to cover their arms and upper torsos – and a simple little tee-shirt seemed to be the best solution.

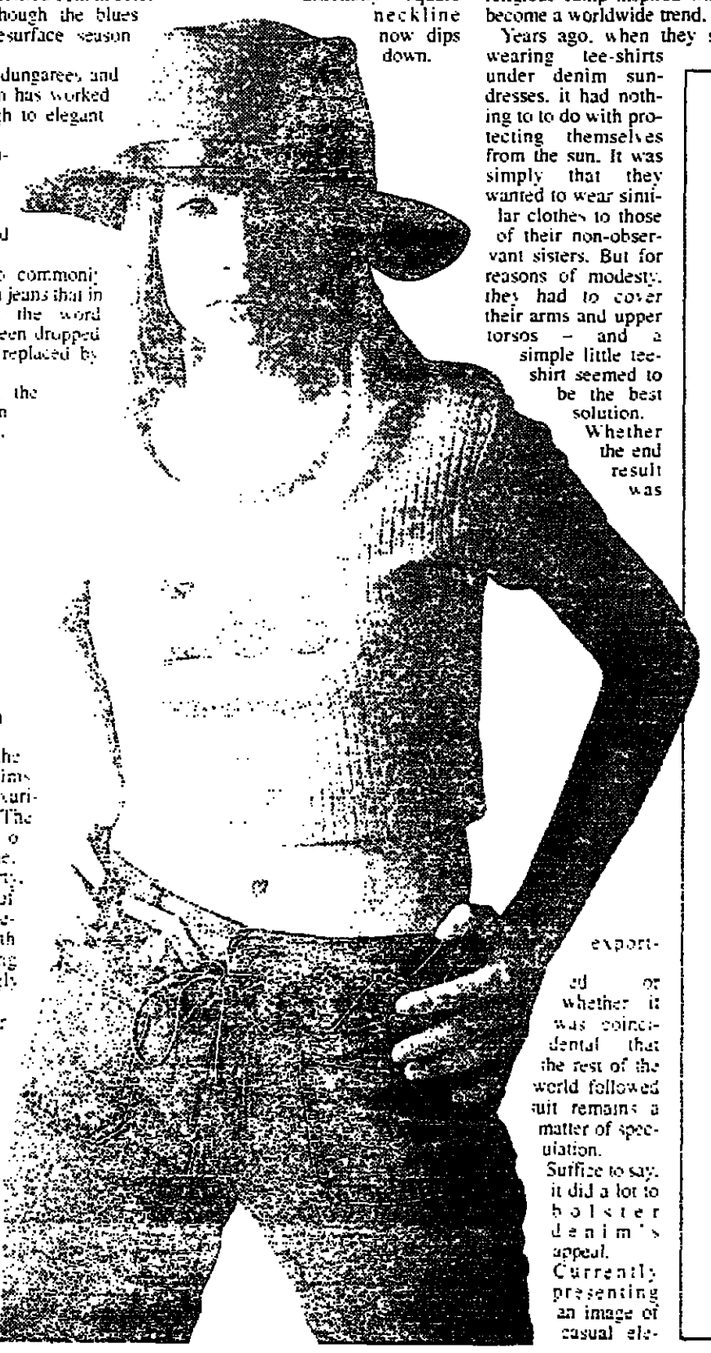
Whether the end result was exported or whether it was coincidental that the rest of the world followed suit remains a matter of speculation.

Suffice to say, it did a lot to bolster denim's appeal.

Currently presenting an image of casual elegance, denim could go off in a completely different direction tomorrow. But with denim, perhaps more than with any other fabric, what goes around comes around.

So if you were thinking of throwing out or giving away your frayed and cut-off jeans – don't!

They're bound to make a rebound – if not next year, then surely by the year 2000.




Castro Complice

Bridge

The Croesus of cards

By MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

East dealer
Both sides vulnerable

North (Watson)
♠ Q J 10
♥ 9 5 3
♦ 10 4
♣ A Q 8 5 2

West (Skurry) East (Castle)
♠ K 8 7 6 2 ♠ 5 4
♥ Q 10 4 ♥ J 8 6 2
♦ Q 8 5 ♦ K J 3
♣ 9 3 ♣ J 10 7 4

South (Holmes)
♠ A 9 3
♥ A K 7
♦ A 9 7 6 2
♣ K 6

West	North	East	South
-	-	pass	1 NT
pass	3 NT	*(all pass)*	

Opening lead: ♠6

If you had to choose one fictitious literary character who would have played a great game of bridge, it would probably be Sherlock Holmes, whose deductive reasoning and logic would be great assets at the table. Bridge teachers *George Gooden and Frank Thomas* wrote and illustrated a marvelous book in 1973 entitled *Sherlock Holmes, Bridge Detective* (Pinnacle Books, New York City). Today's deal comes from the book.

The chapter reads like this: Holmes' opening one-notrump bid was standard, showing 16-18 highcard points. Watson's raise to three notrump was one highcard point short. However, he felt the possession of two tens plus a five-card suit justified the stretch.

The opening lead was the spade six. Before playing to the opening lead, *Holmes took time out to plan* his play. This simple but enforced pause before the first play had saved many a game for Holmes.

As he once told Doctor Watson: "A man without a plan isn't a bridge-player; he's a card-pusher."

Holmes could count eight sure winners and the club suit offered the possibility of one or two more. Another possibility was that Betty Castle (East) held the spade king. Were this the case, he was assured of three spade winners and an easy nine tricks just for the taking.

Holmes quickly dismissed this easy line of play *from* his thoughts. He knew Skurry (West) to be orthodox in his opening leads and decided the spade six was the fourth highest of a long spade suit.

By deducting six from 11 (The Rule of Eleven) Holmes calculated there were only five spade cards higher than the six outside Skurry's hand. Since all five were visible to Holmes, the missing king was not in Betty's hand but in Skurry's.

It took but a few seconds for the disciplined mind of the detective to see the best chance for bringing home his contract lay with the club suit. Were he to play off his three top clubs with both opponents following, he would have 10 assured tricks. However, Holmes viewed this thought negatively, knowing that six missing cards in the opponents' hands break 3-3 only about 36 percent of the time. In the more realistic event of a 4-2 split, an extra entry to dummy must be created.

Holmes, therefore, adopted a third line of play. He played the spade 10 from dummy and when Betty followed low, Holmes stunned the kibitzers by taking the trick with his spade ace. None of the onlookers were as astonished as *Harry Skurry*, whose jaw dropped a proverbial foot. Realizing that his expression was unnoticed by no one, Harry stammered: "Heavens, the man must be a card Croesus to be so casual about tricks."

Holmes, without comment, cashed his three top clubs ending in dummy. As expected, the suit failed to break favorably, a situation for which he was well-prepared. Holmes gave up a *club* trick to establish dummy's fifth club.

Now the queen-jack of spades had to be an entry to the dummy to cash the vital long club and fulfill *the contract.*

"It is true that I gave up a trick on your opening lead by playing my spade ace. But I ask you, my dear Skurry, without that vital unblocking play how could I have made the contract?"

Skurry didn't even wince. "I said you were a card Croesus, and I'll stick by my guns. But it's the way you play them, sir. As I've heard you say before, Holmes: 'It's often best to prepare for the worst.'"

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Chess

Mona who?

By NIGEL SHORT

A few months ago, a number of respected newspapers and periodicals carried an obituary of Mona Karff, who apparently had on several occasions won the US Women's Championship. This was interesting to me because in my 27 years of study and practice of the game, I had never come across her name.

Of course, gaping holes in my knowledge are by no means an unusual phenomenon (although there are somewhat fewer in the field of chess), so I decided to consult with higher authorities at the elite grandmaster tournament in Linares. Surely someone there would be able to enlighten me.

Well, no, actually. "Mona who?" was the most typical response.

Eventually I phoned Ken Whyld, the historian and co-author of the *Oxford Companion to Chess*.

"Ah yes, the American," he replied.

"She won the US (Women's) Championship several times!" I offered enthusiastically.

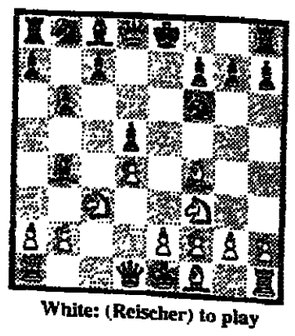
"It is rather like saying she was the champion of Rutland," he answered dryly.

Her best international result seems to have been fifth place in the Women's World Championship of 1939. It sounds impressive, but women's chess was fairly dire in those days. Only in recent decades have we seen an improvement in standards.

White: Reischer
Black: Karff
Buenos Aires, 1939

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 e6 4. Nc3 b6?! 5. cxd5 exd5 6. Bf4 Bb4??

Black: (Karff)



White: (Reischer) to play

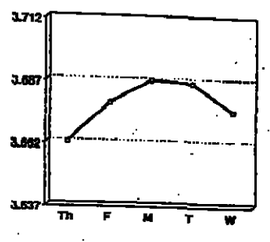
In tennis they would describe this as an unforced error, so as to distinguish it from a forced error which, of course, does not exist **7. Qa4+.** Well spotted. Very tactically alert **7. ...Nc6 8. Qxc6+ Bd7 9. Qxc7??** 9. Qb7 would have left White with a piece up for nothing **9. ...Qxc7 10. Bxc7 Rc8** and Black's position is now merely awful rather than utterly hopeless. **11. Bf4 Rxc3 12. bxc3??** 12. Bd2 Rc4 13. Bxb4 Rxb4 14. b3 looks like a pawn up with a clear advantage, but what does that matter? **12. ...Bxc3+ 13. Bd2 Bxa1.** Material equilibrium is reestablished! **14. e3 0-0 15. Bd3 Rc8 16. 0-0.** 16. Ke2 is more accurate; kings belong in the center in endgames. Perhaps it was too much to expect precision considering that White had an extra piece a few moves earlier. **16. ...Bb2 17. Ne5 Be6 18. f3 h6 19. Rb1 Ba3 20. Rb3 Bd6 21. f4?!** Weakens e4 unnecessarily. **21. ...Kf8** 21. ...Ne4! **22. h3 Rc7 23. Kf2 Ng8** 23. ...Ne4+! **24. Rc3 Rxc3 25. Bxc3 Ne7 26. Bb5 Bc8 27. g4 a6 28. Bd3 b5 29. Ba5 Ke8. 30. Ke2 h5 31. f5 hxg4 32. gxf6 f6 33. Nf3 Ng8!** Enticing White into making the following blunder **34. g5? Ne7! 35. gxf6 gxf6 36. e4 dxe4 37. Bxe4 Nxf5 38. Bc6+ Ke7 39. Kd3 Ng7 40. Ke3 Nf5+ 41. Kd3 Ba3 42. Nd2 Nd6 43. Kc3 f5 44. Kb3** 44. Bb4 was an interesting try to probe the weak queenside **44. ...Bc1 45. Kc2 Bxd2 46. Bxd2 Bb7! 47. Bxb7 Nxh7 48. a4 Kd6 49. axb5 axb5 50. Kd3?!** 50. Kb3 still appeared good enough to draw. **50. ...Nd8! 51. Kc3 Nc6 52. Be3 Kd5 53. Kd3 b4 54. Bd2 b3 55. Be3 Nb4+ 56. Kc3 Nc2 57. Bg1 Nxd4!** A nice little combination to finish the game. **58. Bxd4 b2 59. Kxb2 Kxd4 60. Kc2 Ke3.** And White resigned.

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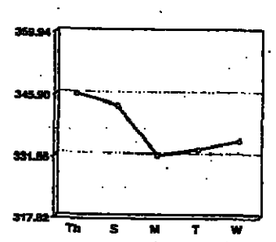
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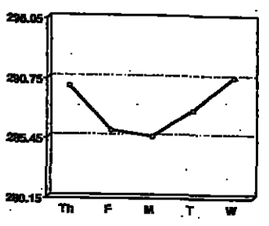
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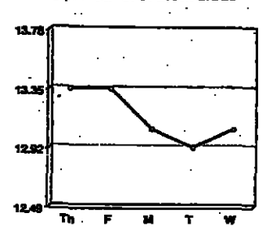
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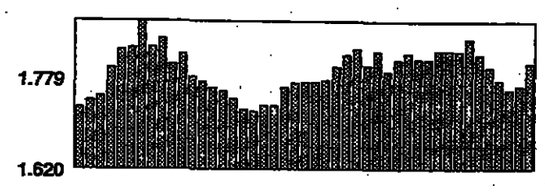
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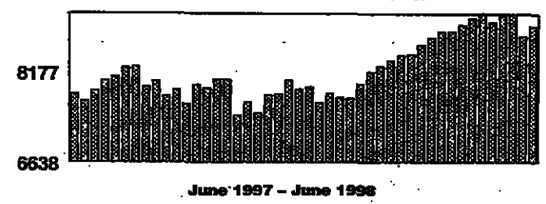
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Clal Elec. pays NIS 119m. for 10.3% of Orckit

Clal Electronic Industries announced yesterday that it has purchased 10.3 percent of Orckit Communications for NIS 119 million. Clal acquired the stake by buying Orckit's shares on Nasdaq and by investing NIS 60m. in a secondary offer, by which the Tel Aviv based manufacturer of telecommunications equipment raised some $47m. on Tuesday. *Dan Gerstenfeld*

Credit to foreigners rises sharply

Credit granted by the Israeli bank sector to foreign residents rose since the beginning of the year by NIS 1.6 billion to NIS 2.5b, according to figures published yesterday by the foreign currency *supervision department at the Bank of Israel.*

The increase is mainly attributed to a sharp increase in unlinked loans taken by foreigners which rose from NIS 200m. at the end of 1997 to NIS 1.6b. in April. Unlinked loans represent now 63% of all credit taken by foreign residents compared with 24% a year ago. The central bank said that unlike in previous years, most of the foreign investment in Israel was financed by unlinked loans. In the past foreign investors used mainly foreign currency-linked loans for their activities here. *Dan Gerstenfeld*

Neeman: Students to teach toddlers computers

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman has asked the Education Ministry to consider allowing students to teach kindergarten and school pupils computer skills, the Treasury said yesterday.

Neeman believes that such a program could alleviate a shortage of computer teachers in the education system.

"Today, most kindergartens and schools have computers in order to teach computer studies but there's a serious shortage of professional teachers," Neeman said.

Speaking at Jerusalem's Hebrew University last week, Neeman said there is no reason children should begin learning to read, write and do arithmetic at the age of six when computer technology would allow a three-year-old to so do.

The scheme would allow students to practice teaching skills while receiving credits toward their studies.

There is presently a shortage of some 10,000 high-tech engineers and computer programmers.

The problem is so acute that the electronics branch of the Manufacturers Association has asked the government to admit 2,000 Indian computer programmers. Neeman dismissed the request as absurd. *David Harris*

Bezeq board recommends state cut holdings to 35%

By JUDY SIEGEL

The government should reduce its holdings in Bezeq Israel Telecom to no more than 35 percent from the current 54%, the phone company said yesterday.

Bezeq's board of directors approved the proposal late Tuesday night, when it voted unanimously to support the privatization method proposed by the Government Companies Authority.

The board of directors was asked to vote on the privatization scheme before it goes to the ministerial committee on privatization. In the first stage, state-owned shares will be cut to 35%. The state will accomplish this through public offerings of shares or by selling bundles of shares to institutional investors either in Israel or abroad.

In the second stage, the remaining shares will be sold with the committee's permission. The authority will prepare the necessary documents for this by the middle of 1999 so it can be fully privatized, Bezeq said yesterday.

Privatization, the company said, will facilitate its ability to deal with a competitive telecommunications market. Company chairman Izzy Tapoohi said that, in effect, Bezeq no longer has a monopoly in domestic calls as the cellular phone companies have bitten into this market.

He said he was certain that "within a very short time, Bezeq will be a regular company that has to function as an advanced firm in the 21st century."

Meanwhile, Bezeq announced that it has launched a new marketing strategy in which technicians who visit homes and offices to fix phones will offer customers new products and services, such as voice mail, standing orders at the bank and new lines.

The recent advertising campaign for an additional phone line and a cordless phone was very successful, Bezeq said. Some 1,200 technicians are undergoing courses training them as salesmen.



Post-Suharto demonstration

Indonesian art students, with their bodies painted white, march to Parliament in Jakarta yesterday to protest against the rising prices of commodities. (Reuters)

Granit Hacarmel control to be sold for $211m.

By DAVID HARRIS and news agencies

Businessmen Moshe Shenef and Eli Aran yesterday signed an agreement to purchase the controlling interest in Granit Hacarmel for $211.26 million, according to a *statement from Mashav Initiating* and Development, which conducted the sale.

The sale of 56 percent of the holding company or some 70 million shares puts its total value at some $375m., which is 55% higher than the company's current market value.

Shenef and Aran purchased the stake from Enerta-Future Energy and Technology, an affiliate of Mashav.

Globes last night reported that given the large sum needed to buy the shares, Shenef and Aran have begun negotiating for financial assistance with the Schneiderman brothers, *who control Zur-Shamir.* The report said the Schneidmans have agreed to put up a $35 million guarantee out of a minimal equity amount of $80 million, demanded by the banks that are making credit available to Shenef and Aran.

In return, Shenef and Aran will *sell Schneidman half the shares in* Sonol Israel, which is Granit's principal asset.

Granit buys and imports raw petroleum and markets petroleum goods through Sonol. The company also owns Vulcan Batteries and sells other gases and oils through Granit Hacarmel Holding and Granite Hacarmel Properties.

Granit reported net sales of NIS 1.839 billion last year, with net income at NIS 51m., which was NIS 1.1m down on the 1996 figure.

In accordance with the agreement, the purchase sum must be paid within 14 days.

Paris takes World Cup cash prize

By GREGORY VISCUSI

PARIS (Bloomberg) — Brazil's team in the World Cup in France this month will play in Nantes and Marseille in the next 10 days. For team supporters Mario and Daisy Aguias, that won't mean seeing much of the country outside Paris.

The couple from Sao Paolo is doing what many soccer fans will be doing for the six-week-long tournament: staying in Paris and using France's excellent network of trains and highways to travel to games just for a day.

That means the half-million foreign fans expected to spend FR 3 billion ($500 million) during the tournament will leave most of it in *the nation's capital, already its rich*est city, and not in other areas more in need of an economic boost.

"Paris is winning the battle of attracting business from this World Cup," said Guy Lorant, a spokesman for Nantes's World Cup committee. "Lots of tour operators have preferred to be based in Paris."

The Paris region already accounts for a disproportionate share of economic activity. With 19% of France's population, it produces 29% of its economic output.

Unemployment, at 10.5% in March, was one-third less than the 15.4% of the Marseille region and the 15.7% of the area around Lens, both of which will host games.

Such inequities are in evidence at the World Cup, too. Mondiresa, a unit of French hotel group Accor SA that's handling the World Cup's hotel reservation system, said 70% of the 370,000 rooms it has booked are in Paris. Yet only nine of the opening round's 48 matches are in *the capital. Thirty-nine are in* Nantes, Toulouse, Montpellier, Marseille, Bordeaux, St. Etienne, Lyon and Lens.

While hotels in those towns are full on game nights, many are going empty in the days in between.

With France's high-speed train network, Bordeaux, 600 kilometers to *the southwest, is just three-and-a*half hours away. Lyon is 1 hour and forty-five minutes away and Lens just an hour. That allows fans to travel to games for just one day.

How long supporters stick around depends on the nations playing in the matches. For the Italy-Chile match in Bordeaux, the estimated *8,000 Italian supporters came large*ly just for the day or at most one night, said Olivier Deguefosse, a spokesman at the Bordeaux tourist office. The Chileans started arriving two or three days before, partly because the Chilean team was based nearby, he said.

For the night of the game, the *6,000 hotel rooms in the southwest* city were full, said Deguefosse. "Not everyone is sticking around, but I can't say we're disappointed," he said. "The town is very animated with the supporters we have had."

Lorent, the Nantes spokesman, said hotels in his town have been packed on game nights, with people arriving without reservations having to stay up to 50 kilometers away. Even though hotels aren't full in between games, the town estimates the World Cup will bring between FR 90-250 million ($15-$42m.) to the local economy.

It's much the same story in the Lens, whose hotels were full the nights of the two matches it has hosted so far, Denmark-Saudi Arabia and Croatia-Jamaica. But rooms have been easily available on other days, the tourist office said.

Some soccer fans aren't even bothering with hotels. Five Berliners who were getting their faces painted the colors of the *German flag at the Place de* Trocadero in Paris, said they took a 10-hour bus ride from Berlin and would take it back after Germany's game with the U.S. The Lens tourist office said most Danish supporters chose to use local campgrounds.

Tadmor might declare IEC a monopoly

By NINA GILBERT

Antitrust Authority director David Tadmor recently sent a notice to the Israel Electric Corporation that he is considering declaring it a monopoly in the production, transmission and distribution of electricity, Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky revealed yesterday.

Sharansky said he believed the IEC should be under the supervision of the Antitrust Authority in addition to the Public Utilities Authority – Electricity.

"As long as the IEC is a monopoly it should be supervised by the antitrust authority," he added.

The IEC was given 30 days to respond.

However, last night, IEC Spokeswoman Yael Ne'eman said Tadmor has not formally approached they company and management will not conduct negotiations with him via the media.

The Antitrust Authority can regulate the IEC once it has been declared a monopoly.

The role of the authority is to protect the competition and to make sure that a monopoly does not abuse its power.

*The authority receives com*plaints against the IEC on an ongoing basis.

Under the Electricity Law, 10 percent of electricity production is to be out of IEC hands by the year 2006.

The first tenders for private production were published recently. *The timing of Tadmor's notice* coincides with these moves.

Sharansky's statements came in response to a report prepared in advance of the annual conference of the country's top economic echelon to be held this year in Zichron Ya'acov.

The report was commissioned by the Israel Democracy Institute, which is responsible for running the event.

It said the corporation is a natural monopoly in the transmission of electricity but not in its production, which should therefore be privatized.

"Great efforts should be taken to create conditions for real competition in the field of electricity production and also in its distribution," said the report by the "competition and privatization team."

Panel members include Tadmor, his predecessor at the post Yoram Turbowicz, outgoing Koor CEO Benny Gaon, Bezeq chairman Izzy Tapoohi, and former finance minister Dan Meridor.

The authors said that the process should be implemented by breaking up and privatizing production units or increasing production ability via new producers.

Sharansky, whose ministry is responsible for the Antitrust Authority, said in response to the report that he would make great efforts to boost competition in the sector.

The IEC is a central factor in the economy and its capital investment amounts to about one-fourth of all of the capital investment in all areas of industry in the country, Sharansky said.

He noted that the company, with *approximately 13,000 workers, is* the largest monopoly in the country.

"The production of electricity must be opened to competition," Sharansky declared in a statement.

"Industry and the entire economy will benefit from this," he *insisted.*

Mizrahi: Slowdown hit first-quarter profits

By DAN GERSTENFELD

The economic slowdown led to lower profitability of publicly traded companies, according to a report the research department of United Mizrahi Bank published yesterday.

According to the report, first-quarter net profit fell to 4.8 percent of sales, compared with 5.4% in the equivalent period in 1996.

The bank attributes the decline mainly to high financing expenses arising from high interest rates. The report shows, however, that despite the economic slowdown, sales rose by 0.9% in the first quarter of the year.

The rise in sales stands in contrast to a 0.2% decline in the last quarter of 1997. Mizrahi economists said that despite the moderate rise in sales, industrial production rose by an annual 7% in the first quarter, compared with a rise of only 2% in the same quarter a year earlier. The increase is attributed mainly to a rise in exports.

Export-oriented sectors, such as chemistry and computers, led the rise, while sales of real estate and service companies decreased. The quarterly reports of property companies indicate that the sector's income fell by 13.4%, reflecting the on-going slowdown in the real estate market.

Mizrahi experts predict that profitability will continue to decline as companies face higher competition, cheaper imports and lower demand. Profitability also will be hurt by the high real interest rates (7%), which are expected to remain high despite falling inflation. The report notes that the crises in South East Asia and Japan also may affect the profitability of local companies.

Bateman receives funding for Turkmenistan project

By DAVID HARRIS

Yokne'am-based Bateman Engi*neering has, together with its for*eign partners secured funding for a $215 million project in Turkmenistan, according to the company's project manager, Shaul Morgenstern.

The project is one of a number which Bateman is currently preparing and is the firm's first entry into the Turkmeni market. The agent for the Turkmenistan government for the deal is the Herzliya-based Merhav Group. More than $30m. of the financing is being provided by Bank Hapoalim.

The key element is the construction of a gas preparation and compression station.

"This is only the first and it won't be the last," said Morgenstern. "Turkmenistan has the third or fourth largest gas reserves in the world, that's why we're doing this," he said.

The Turkmeni government is acting as guarantor for the project, of which $40m. is coming from Bateman. The company is also responsible for the supply of equipment from the US to the value of $110m. and the work of a Czech contracting firm. ABN-AMRO is also financing the scheme, which is backed by the Israel Foreign Trade *Risks Insurance Corp.*

The funding is available for two years, the length of consruction time, with repayment expected over the following five years.

Morgenstern said his company is not involved in any plans to construct a gas pipeline from Turkmenistan to Israel. "That would cost billions of dollars and while we're a big company, we're not that big," he said "We're very happy with projects worth $100, $200 or $300 million."

Prodi: Italy to keep ENI controlling share

ROME (Reuters) – Italian Prime *Minister Romano Prodi said yes*terday that the state would retain a controlling stake in energy giant ENI after the imminent sale of a fourth tranche of the group's shares.

"The privatization has been done in a way that gives the Treasury a means of guaranteeing ENI's activities," Prodi told the lower house of parliament.

He had been asked by hard-left Communist Refoundation economic spokesman Nerio Nesi for a guarantee that ENI would remain in public hands.

The Treasury announced on Saturday that it would sell 12.5 percent of its remaining stake in ENI, taking its share of the group to around 38.7% from 51.2% now.

The Treasury is to keep a golden share in ENI, a measure which gives it veto rights over strategic decision-making of privatized *companies.*

"After the sale of the fourth tranche the Treasury will retain a high stake in the company, a stake which we could define as commanding," said Prodi, adding that the Treasury also had the right to exercise its golden share.

Communist Refoundation, which is not part of the government but gives Prodi a parliamentary majority, has long said it will only support the reduction of the state's stake in ENI to below 51% if the Treasury keeps control of the firm.

The "golden share" was a temporary measure which would gradually lose significance, but which was useful for companies to make a gentle transition from public to private, Prodi said.

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Africa Israel 1	208000	1.4
Agis	2610	2.8
Al Paper Mills	15910	0.1
Al-Rov	2750	0.7
Azorim	3020	-0.3
Azorim Prop.	630	-3.2
Bank Leumi 0.1	737	1.2
Baran	3060	1
Bayside 1	42100	0.2
Bayside 5	213300	0
Bezeq	1190	2.1
Blue Square	4310	-0.5
Brenmar	3180	1.6
Clal Electronics	54300	2.6
Clal Industries	1899	0
Clal Insurance	3900	0.3
Clal Israel 1	1035	1.9
Dan Hotels	1176	0.9
Dankner	1960	0
Darban	850	0.6
Dead Sea Works 0.1	945	0.3
Delek 0.1	14790	2
Delek Car	749	4.7
Development Mort	23100	-0.4
Discount Bank	468	4.3
Discount Inv.	11450	2.3
Elbit 0 003	1055	2.7
Elbit imaging	3240	3.7
Elbit system	4720	1.5
Elco	1960	3.1
Elco Industries	3430	-1.5
Electra	17000	0.3
Electra App	1900	1.3
Elite Ind. 1	2410	1.2
Elite Ind. 5	12000	0
Elron 0 003	8230	2.7
FIBI 5	66300	1.1
First Int'l 1	54600	3.5
First Int'l 5	278500	1.4
First Int'l Mort	54900	0
Formula	14620	5.5
General Bank	10450	1
Grant Hacarmel	725	0.7
Hadarim Prop.	8790	-0.4
Ham-Let	1970	-1.5
Hapoalim 0.1	1104	-0.2
Harel Mishmar 1	4090	-0.2
Harel Mishmar 5	19000	-0.5
I.D.B. Dev	9250	0.3
I.D.B. Holdings	9170	1.7
ILDC	2470	1.2
Ind Bldgs	530	0
Israel Chemicals	4850	0.4
Israel Corp. 1	28300	1.8
Isrotel	575	0
Jutora	785	2.8
JCT	38.1	0.5
JEC	1911	0.6
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Knafaim	4650	0
Koor	45700	-0.4
Leader	1410	0.7
Leumi Insurance	245	1.6
Leumi Mortgage	65000	2.7
Liraz	4260	4.2
Makhteshim Agan Ind.	1177	1.1
Maman	726	0
Malab	3880	1.8
Mehadrin	14450	0.2
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Migdal	1574	0.4
Mishkan	66000	-4.2
Mizrahi Inv.	10150	-1.8
NATSVA REGULAR	1520	0
Nice Systems	13170	4.5
Ocil	7800	0
Orbit	1760	1.1
Ormat Industries	529	0.9
Osem Industries	1880	2.7
Petrochemicals	1880	1.8
Phoenix Ins. 1	5810	0
Poalim Inv.	13270	3.9
Prop & Bldg	31000	1.3
Ssdt Industries	1904	-0.5
Solel Bone	4350	0.9
Supersol	1218	1.8
Tadiran	12570	2.1
Tambour	640	2.8
Telahot	213900	0.9
Tempo	1460	0.7
Teva	13260	-6.4
Urdan	270	0.7
Wire and Cables	1312	1.1
Ytong Industries	915	1.5

KARAM SMALL CAPITALIZATION TASE ISSUES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Boulous GD	362	0
Solomon Holdings	484	2.5
Abjac	2	-4.8
Aburdi	45.6	0
Ace-Spade	99	0
Ackerstein Bond B	161.5	0
Ackerstein Ind.	505	3.2
Ackerstein Zvi 1	1614	0
Ackerstein Zvi 5	7018	0.3
Adakorn	36.5	0
Adanim	400460	0
Adler	103	-4.6
Adsha	140	-1.1
Adumim	182	0
Africa Hotels Bond B	90.5	1
Africa Hotels Warrant 2	55	18.2
Africa Israel Hotels Bond A	131	0
Afsek Ind	615	0
Agis Warrant 3	29.9	-0.3
Agis Warrant 4	557	-0.5
Agash Int'l	360	0
Agn Investments	470	2.1
Al-Ben	151	0
Al-Ben Bond A	106.5	0
Alhe c2	94.1	0.1
Alhe w6	131	-0.8
Alliance	800	4.1
Aloni	350	0
Alony-Hetz	499	7.2
Alony-Hetz Bond A	235	0
Alrod	206	0
Alrod Warrant 1	10	63.9
Alrov Bond D	75.5	-0.4
Alrov Warrant 5	334	0
Alumar	206	5.6
Alumot	3314	0
Amegar	149	0
Amitec	248	-1.2
Ammrell Warrant 1	20	0
Amnat	602	0
Ampa Investments	101971	2
Analyst EMS	1009	2.9
Angel Trade	36.4	4
Angel Trade Bond A	148	0
Angel Trade Bond B	103	0
Angel Trade Bond C	57.5	-0.9
Appcon	1029	0
Appcon warrant 1	314	4.1
Applicom	2890	-3.5
Aracell Warrant 2	473	3
Arad	1650	0
Arad Towels	892	0
Arazim	77	0
Arazim Bond 1	237	0
Argaman	240	-2.4
Arladan	1065	0
Arpal	402	-2
Aryt	160	9.4
Ashkelon Plywood	648	5.3
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 1	243	0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 2	120.5	0.4
Ashtad	386	0
Ashtad Bond A	148	0
Ashot	369	2.4
Ashot Bond A	164.5	-0.3
Ashpara	82	-0.5
Ashtrom Bond 1	171.5	0
Ashtrom Bond 2	148	-1.7
Ashtrom Ind.	519	0
Ashtrom Prop.	213	-3.3
Ashtrom P Bond 1	87.5	0
Ashtrom p warrant a	30	0
Astrum Bond C	92.4	0
Astrum Warrant 2	33.3	0
Aston	77	0
Atenor	2260	6.2
ATX	193.5	1
ATX Bond A	150	0
Atzmon	235	0
Aura	4830	3.7
Avanot	328	2.7
Avanot Bond A	155	0
Averbuch Formaca	691	0
Avni	370	-1.1
Avni Bond 1	149	0.3
Avni Bond 2	86.5	0
Avner	1.8	0
Avnet Bond 2	84	0
Avnet Warrant 2	47	0
Ayalon	494	0
Azorach	460	0
Azorim Properties Bond 3	185	0
Azorim Warrant 13	565	1.8
Azorim Warrant 5	700	0
Azorim Warrant A	775	3.2
Azorim Warrant B	700	0
Badash Bond 1	41.3	0
Bank	359	0
Balantine 1	191	-9.9
Balantine Bond A	123.5	0
Balantine Warrant 2	6.5	10
Balron	2910	0
Bamigdal	102	0
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Bar	340	0
Bar Bond A	114	0.4
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Baranowitz	845	1.2
Barkan	810	0
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Bartal	211	0
Baumel Moshe	163.5	0
BaySide Bond 2	87.2	-0.1
BaySide Warrant D	2340	0
Beit Shemesh	1765	-0.4
Belimon	326	0.9
Ben Yakar Bond A	164.5	0
Ben Yakar Bond B	66.5	-0.7
Ben Yakar Gat	3442	-3.3
Berman	227	-0.4
Bezek Bond 3	121.4	1.3
Bezek Bond 4	2080	0.9
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Bolos gad warrant 1	39.4	0
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Bonjour	490	0
Boulous Brothers	175.5	11.7
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Chem	529	0
Chayun Computers	159	0
Chemipal	486	4.9
Chim-Nir	505	6.3
CI Systems	193	0
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Clal Computers	10480	-0.6
Clal Israel 5	503	3
Clal Retail	74875	0
Cohen Beni	156.5	0
Cohen Dev.	233	0
Cohen MM	158	0
Cold Storage 1	1570	3.8
Cold Storage 5	7490	0
Cold Storage and Supply Bond 1	247	0
Compi	168.4	3.6
Compi Warrant 1	16	0
Compulite	164.5	0
Contech	345	5.2
Contrans	797	0
Comel	979	0.5
Contractors	16812	0
Coral Beach	839	0
Credit Line	3.8	0
Credit Lines Bond A	35.9	0
Cyclone 1	2351	0.3
Cyclone Bond 1	246	0
Cyclone Bond 2	152	0
Dalron	1565	0
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Dalia	2	0
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Danbar 1	5000	0
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Danly	555	-1.9
Darad	109	0.5
DARBAN BOND 2	86.5	0.5
Darban Bond A	230	0
DARBAN W2	188	1.8
Darban Warrant 3	134	16.4
Darsa	132.5	-1.5
Darlon	154	-0.6
Dash Investment	1080	9
Data	888	0
Decision Systems	530	5.5
Degem Systems	500	2
Delek Drillings	9	3.4
Delek Oil	1450	-1
Delta 1	3820	5.6
Delta 3	10460	4.4
Destiny	1398	0
Digal	124	0
Dirom I	1400	0
Dolev	368	0.3
Dolev Bond A	134.5	0.7
Dolev warrant 1	40	0
Domicar	402	1
Domicar Bond	151	0
Dor Berger	450	-6.7
Dor Chris	373	-1.9
Dorc wt	95	0
Dorsa	56	0
Dorf c1	92.9	0.1
Dori Engineering	463	0
Dori Engineering Bond A	134	0
Dowrat Bond A	134.5	-1
Dowrat Shrem	1528	1.7
Dowrat Shrem Warrant 3	49.9	27.9
DSL	1213	1.1
Dubek M	1.9	0
Dubek S	1.9	0
Dunitz	310	0
DYG Industries	425	-0.2
E & M Computing	12000	0
Edgar Albert	82.5	0
Edgar Industries	190.1	-3.1
Edgar Inv. Bond C	86	1.7
Edgar Inv. Warrant 5	26	-1.9
Eitar Bond A	98	0
Eini	193	3.2
Eitam	294	0
Elboraan	3300	2.1
El Bad	1751	0
El Canit	742	-4
El Canit Bond 1	153	0
Elad	585	0.2
Elad Bond A	169	-0.3
Elad Bond B	136	0
Elad c3	64	0.8
Elad w5	45.6	0
Elbit Computers Bond B	123	0
Elbit Computers Warrant 2	719	7
Elden Tech.	168	-3
Electronics Line	465	0
Elgar	5039	-0.5
Elchav	421	0
Elitech Ind.	809	-1.2
Elkam	320	0
Elk	437	0
Ella Bond A	132	0
Elran	3600	0.3
Elron Warrant 2	2483	7.3
Emek	138	0
Emyte	756	0
Engel Const.	740	0
ESE	2480	0
Eshed Roboresh	208	-1
Even	400	8
Evergreen	3320	-2.4
Evrois Warrant 1	1422	10
Excelence	1976	0
Export Inv.	754	0.4
Extra	120	-0.4
Feldman	165	3
Feldman Bond A	143	0
Feldman Ind.	243	-10
Feldman Warrant 3	18	0
Fertilisers 1	112.5	-0.4
Feuchtwanger 1	10950	3.2
Feuchtwanger 5	54000	0.8
Fidelis	2629	0.5
Five J Jewelers	279	-3.1
Five J Jewelers Bond 2	125	0
Formica Source	190.5	-0.3
Frutarom	353	3.7
Gahelet	17600	5.2
Galcom	201	0.5
Galran	1160	-0.3
Gama	210	0
Gamatronic	563	-1.1
Gambit	1682	-0.5
Gan Shmoel Bond A	135	4.4
Gan Shmoel Warrant 3	740	6.8
Gan Shmuel	1665	2.3
Ganav Hadar	366	0.3
Gap Development	105	0
Gap Holdings	220	0
Gap Warrant 2	10.4	-1
Gazit	582	0
Gazit Bond B	149	0
Gazit Bond C	119.5	0
Gibor Bond 1	159	0
Gibor Bond A	82.5	1.2
Gibor Sabrina	62	0
Gibor Sport	780	0
Gibor Warrant 2	102	0
Gilboa	91	0
Gilco	139.5	0
Gilfek	1709	1.5
Givot Olam Oil	92.5	0
Glob Rd	696	0
Golan	532	0
Gold	432	-0.5
Golden House	347	0
Golden House Bond 1	247	0
Golex	179	-1.1
Granit Bond	147.5	-0.2
Granit Bond 2	149	0
Green Software	650	0
Greenberg	1100	0
H. Electronics	61	0
H. Mor	949	-1.1
Habas	2587	0
Habas Bond 1	121	5.2
Hadar 1	29015	0
Hadar 5	68025	0
Hacar Ins. 1	900	0
Hacar Ins. 5	3780	0
Hadarim Bond1	112.6	-0.1
Hadarim Warrant1	1321	1.6
Hagal	437	-2
Hagar Bond B	146.5	0
Hamalcor	383	0
Hanal	5.3	0
Harel Bond A	548	0
Hasin Esh	700	0
Hason	187	0
Hatehof 1	283	1.4
Hatehof Bond A	136	0
Hayal	1543	-9.8
Hayal Bond1	324	0
Hayal Bond2	211	0
Hayal Warrant 1	85.9	0
Hed Arzi Music	370	0
Heron 1	9990	0
Heron 5	41500	-1.2
Hl. Service Bond 2	179.5	0
Hl. Service Bond 3	143	0
Hl. Services	1870	0
Hod	155.5	-0.4
Hot	604	0
Holit	127.5	0.4
Home Center	7100	0
Hydrotek	149	0
IES Industries	651	0
IES Warrant 1	114.5	-0.4
Ilan Gat	114	0
Ilan Gat Bond A	141.5	0
ILDC Bond 6	258	0
ILDC Hotels	379	+1.6
ILDC Hotels Bond 1	164	-0.3
ILDC Hotels Warrant 2	89.5	0
ILDC Insurance	419	6.6
ILDC Insurance Bond A	129.5	0.4
Imco	1081	0
Ind Bld Warrant 3	55.6	3.1
Ind Bldgs Rt	28	0
Ind.Dev.Bank C	288	0
Ind.Dev.Bank CC	2850	-0.3
Ind.Dev.Bank CC 1	2850	2.5
Ind.Dev.Bank Pref	1749	1.4
Independence Mort	92500	0
Interpoorma	760	0
Intergamma 1	3600	0
Intergamma 5	12600	-1.6
Iscal	1849	0
Ispro	3970	2.3
Isracolor	465	0
Israel Corp. 5	116200	0
Israel Lighterage Bond 3	133.5	0
Israel Wire & Cables Bond C	167	-3.6
Israfom	1179	-0.3
Israfom Bond B	258	0
Israfom Bond C	84.5	0
Isramco	2.9	0
Isras 1	7200	0
Isras 5	30700	0
Isras Bond A	245	0
ISTA LINES	2000	1
Itay	2800	0
Itay Bond 1	65	0
Itay Warrant 1	474	0
Itay Warrant 2	10	0
Jalora Bond A	180	0
Jaysour	137	1.5
Jaysour Bond A	103	0
JEC Bond B	90.1	0
Jerusalem Mort	201	0
Jerusalem Mortgage Bond 18	156.5	-2.1
Jeunesse	30.2	0
JOEL	103	1.9
JOEL Bond 1A	219	0
JOEL Bond 2	119.5	0
JOEL Bond A	220	0
JOEL Warrant 3	2	10
Kadimani	175	8
Kadouri	348	3
kahlos bond b	81	0
kahlos warrant 1	70	0
Kalrit	1400	8.6
Kalkalit Bond A	94.5	0
Kalkalit warrant 2	313	2.6
Kamour	560	8.2
Kamour Bond G	127	0
Kamsept	1138	-1.1
Kanal Warrant G	1	0
Kanicot	31.1	-4.6
Kanicot Bond A	43.8	-0.2
Kardan 1	491	3.3
Kardan 5	2300	0.9
Katz	126	0
Katz Bond A	64	0
Kedem Chemicals	3930	0
Kedem Chemicals Bond 2	236	0
Kenilex	340	0
Kesher	716	-4
Kesher Bond A	146.5	0
Keter	624	-4.4
Kinz	39	0
Kitad Bond A	205	0
King	279	-0.4
Kinneret	209	0
Kisch Kirur	167	0
Kishrel Teuta	1190	5
Kisi	436	0
Kitat Bond A	151.5	0
Kitat Bond A	111	-2.6
Klil Ind. 5	7110	-0.3
Koor Bond 5	158.2	0.1
Kopel	212	1
Kopel Bond 1	236	0
La Nationale Bond A	150	0
La Nationale Pref	105	0
Lachish	2756	0
Lamont	777	-0.3
Lapidot Oil Exploration	1.3	0
Lapidot Oil Explorers	72	0
Lasers	408	0
Lavlav	557	5.5
Lazrack Bldg	400	-9.9
Lazrack Comm Cars	173	0
Lazrack Commercial Centres Bond	116	-0.9
Lazrack Ind Bldgs	292	0
Lazrack Industrial Bldgs. Bond A	133	-1.1
Leader Warrant B	24	14.3
Lego	450	0
Leumi R4	143.1	6.8
Leventhal	412	2
Levi	682	-5.3
Levi Bond A	133.6	-0.1
Levi Bond B	80	0
Levi Warrant 2	90.2	0
Levinstein Bond A	100.5	0
Levinstein Warrant 2	824	0
Levinstein	1580	-1.3
Liber	400	7
Liden	1350	0.2
Litshir 1	176	-0.6
Litshir 5	640	0
Ligal	730	1
Ligad Bond 1	147.5	0.3
Lighterage 1	475	0
LIMS	270	-0.7
Lipman	2900	1.7
Lipski	2500	-1.5
Lipski Bond A	160	0
Liraz Bond A	155	3.2
Loden	1600	0
Lodzia 1	1736	0
Lodzia 4	6060	0
Luhot Galil	31.4	-10
Luhot Galil Bond 1	139	0.4
Lumir	3321	0
Ma'anw	2830	1
Ma'anw Bond A	122.5	-0.4
Maabarot	1330	0
Magal	1334	1.8
Magal Bond A	131	0
Magal Bond B	114.8	0.3
Magal Bond C	75.7	2.4
Magal Warrant 3	88.5	7.3
Magil	805	0
Magam	150.5	-2
Magam Bond A	165.5	0
Magam Bond B	121	0
Magav	222	0
Magma	38.8	-0.3
Magor 1	2000	-5
Magor 5	9800	4.1
Magor hldgs. Bond B	79	0
Magor hldgs. Warrant 2	700	0
Mahal	357	7.3
Maki	40.3	-7.4
Malibu 1	1270	-0.8
Malibu 5	5850	-1.4
Malibu Bond B	179	0.6
Malita	777	0
Malin	112	-0.4
Malin Bond A	203	0
Malmtar	32.3	7.7
Malrithon	98	0
Marathon Insured	101.6	0.8
Maino Laznick Constr. Bond 1	163.5	0
Maino Laznick Constr. Bond 2	140.5	0.4
Maritime Bank	1530	2
Marsame Bank Bond A	199.5	0
Maritime Bank Bond B	137.9	-0.1
Mashav	879	-1.1
Mashbir	726	-1.2
Mashov	449	-0.9
Mashov	157.5	0
Matam	1332	0
Matav Warrant 1	579	4.7
Maxima 1	353	-2.2
Maxima 5	1456	0
Maxpak	684	0
Med. Hotels	39.6	0
Mediterranea	744	-2
Mediterranea Bond A	130	0
Mediterranea Bond B	75.6	0
Mediterranea Warrant 2	182	0
Mediterranean Hotels Bond A	52.6	0
Megapon	57.5	0
Melmad	359	2
Meir Ezra	2340	6.4
Meir Ezra Bond B	250	0
Melet	297	0
Melisaaron Bond B	85.8	-0.2
Melisaaron Warrant 3	47.9	8.1
Mendelson	256	4.9
Menolim	392	-0.5
Menorah Ins. 5	8340	0
Mercazit	730	1.4
Meshav	153	4.4
Meyland	450	0
Middle East Tube	350	5.9
Middle East Tube Bond A	105.6	0
Middle East Tube Warrant 2	20	17.5
Millmor Bond A	144.9	0
Millomar Bond B	73	0
Millomar Warrant 2	185	0
Minfsar	122	5.1
Mint Line	521	9.7
Mirom	14800	-1.7
Mirage	220	0
Mirage Bond A	125	0
Mirage Warrant 1	222	0
Mirontit	810	0
Mishmael	13	0
Mishnael Bond B	58	0
Mishor Bond 2	138.5	0.4
Mishor Hahol	376	5.9
Miteanu	253	0
Mivtach Shamir	2950	0.4
Mivtach Shamir	1320	0
Mizrahi	1331	-0.5
Mizrahi warrant 1	463	0
Mizrahi warrant 2	235	1.8
MM Engineering	132	0
MM Engineering Bond A	84	0
Modgal	750	0
Modiin	1	0
Mofet	20.5	-0.5
Moffet Convertible Bond AAA	285	2.5
Molet	701	0
More Plastic Ind.	322	0
Moshkovitz	147	0
MTI Computers	420	0
Mul-T-Lock	3223	0
Mula Senter	222	0
Nachshon Fund	974	0
Naphtha	984	0
Naphtha Oil Exp.	220	0
Natour	800	0
NATSVA BOND A	95	2.9
Nangkiat	2	0
Navigator Property	970	0
Nechushtan Bond B	70.5	0
Nechushtan Prop.	197.5	0.5
Nechushtan Properties Bond A	129	0.4
Nechushtan Warrant 1	39.5	0
Negev Ceramics	161.5	-4.6
Nehushtan 1	898	0
Nehushtan 5	4473	0
Neot Avot	7515	0
Nesher	4395	0
New Arbel	1000	0
Nevlim Hotels	2356	0
Newel	1295	0
Nia	1753	0
Nikar	1250	0
Nitzo	2100	0.3
Nissan	2155	0
NMC	304	-0.3
Noga	1599	0
Noga Insorers	1111	0
Nordan	1111	0
Nordan Tech.	201	0
Norlolk	1574	3.1
Norlolk Bond A	145.5	0
Nur	1000	0
NYP	916	0
Oceana	238	0
Ocil Bond A	187.7	2.3
Ocil Bond C	1000	0
Ocil Warrant 2	1000	0
Octava	1000	0
Ofek	1000	0
Oily Gro	6226	-0.5
Oilsa	536	19
Ogdan	61	0
Ohalka	510	0
Oil Fields	1000	0
Ola-Dok	279	3.2
Omni	278	0
Omntech	229	-1.3
Ophir	422	-1.9
Oppenheimer	88	0
Optima	134.5	1.1
Orasys	3514	0
Orazil	370	1.9
Orazot Bond A	157	0
Orda	3770	0
Orda Bond 1	173	-0.9
Orev	800	0.5
Oriell	137.5	0
Orite	412	-3.6
Orite Bond A	86.5	0
Orite Warrant 2	71	0
Ormat Industries Bond D	125	0.8
Ormat Industries Warrant 5	161	2.7
Ortal	351	-0.3
Otzar Hashilton	25000	4
Oz	229	0
Oz aside	401	-4.7
Packer Steel	5550	-1.4
Palibugh	624	-1.3
PAM	923	-0.3
Pama	727	-0.5
Pamas	2790	0
Pan Dor	252	0
Pardes	805	0
Pardes Bond A	71	0
Passport	1891	0.5
Paz Chan	429	9.1
PCB	1655	2.1
Pdan Investment	61	0
Peleg	108.5	0
Pencase	803	-0.9
Phoenix Ins. 5	20600	0
Pica Plast	398	4
Pinros	138	0
Pinros Bond A	139.5	0.4
Plakit	302	0
Plasson bond a	99	0
Plasson warrant 1	497	0
Plasson	3800	0.5
Plastic Sec	800	0
Plasto Sheck Bond A	83.5	-0.6
Plasto Sheck Warrant 2	95	0
Poalim Inv. Bond B	88.5	0
Poalim Inv. Warrant 3	2500	11.6
Poalim Investments Bond A	131	0
Poalim Warrant 3	578	2.2
Point of Sale	2950	8.8
Polak	373	0
Polgat A	215	1.4
Polgat B 4	699	0
Polgat Bond B	165.9	0
Polygon	280	-0.4
Polygon Bond 2	214	0
Poraz	260	3.1
Port	116	0
Poseidon	136.9	6.1
Pri Haemek	22.1	0
Pri Haemek Bond A	41.8	-1.2
Pritzker	198.5	0
Pritzker Bond A	144.5	0
Profit	322	0
Profit Bond A	125	0
Python	602	3.8
Quality Cap Mkts	548	0
Rabinzo	217	0
Ram Zur	72.5	2.8
Ramgor 1	252	-0.4
Ramgor 4	672	-0.4
Rapak	2370	2.1
Rapak Bond A	150	-0.7
Rasco	985	-1.5

	LAST	CHANGE
Telefonos de Mex	48.625	+3.375
Telef De Espana	137.375	+3.125
Temple Inland	53.6875	+1.3125
Tenneco	39	+0
Tenet Health	31.125	+0.875
Teradyne	25.75	+1.625
Tesoro Pet	18.625	+0.5
Texaco	60.6875	+2.875
Texas Instruments	50.875	-1.125
Texas Utilities	41.3125	+0.75
Textron	72.75	+0.625
Thyssen	-	-
Thomas & Betts	50.4375	-0.1875
ThreeCom	24.625	-0.9375
Time Warner	78.625	+0.8125
Times-Mirror	64.75	+1.4375
Timken	35.5	+0.1875
Torchmark	40.875	+0.25
Tosco Corp	26.1875	+0.75
Toys R Us	23.625	-0.3125
Transamerica	115.438	+1.5
Transco Energy	66.125	+0.875
Travellers Grp	62	+2
Tribune	68.125	+1.125
Triton Energy	35.6875	+1
TWA	10	+0
Tyco Labs	58.0625	+2.375
Tyler	9.75	+0.1875
UAL Corp	76.9375	+0.375
USG Corp	51.5625	+0.5625
UST Inc	25.75	+0.25
USX Marathon	34.375	+1.3125
USX-US Steel	33.9125	+1.5
Ultramar Diam	32.3125	-0.3125
Unicom Corp	36.25	-0.4375
Unilever PLC	65.6875	+1.375
Unilever NV	82.5625	+2.25
Union Camp	51.5	-0.625
Union Carbide	46.1875	+1.1875
Union Pacific	45.25	-1.125
Unisys Corp	25.625	+0.125
USAIR Group	76.1875	+0.0625
USF&G Corp	-	-
US Home	37.5	+0.25
US Surgical	40.5	+1.5
US Trust	75.625	+3.625
US West	49.75	-0.6875
United Tech	86.875	+3.25
Unocal Corp	37.4375	+1.1875
VF Corp	52.875	+0.6875
Valero Energy	32	-0.1875
Viacom Assoc	43.5625	-0.1875
Viacom Inc	59.5625	+0.1875
Vishay	18	-0.75
Vulcan Materials	114.5	+3.5
Wachovia	80.8125	+1.75
Walgreen	39.8125	+1.3125
Wal-Mart Stores	58.4375	+1.1875
Warner-Lambert	83.75	+1.125
Wash Gas Light	26.3125	+0.875
Washington Mutu	42.8125	+0.9375
Washington Post	547.813	+7.3125
Waste Mgmnt Inc	38	+0.5
Watkins-Johnson	24.125	+0.0625
Wells Markets	36.5	+0.25
Wells Fargo	355.25	+9.3125
Wendy's Ind	24.8125	+0.0625
Westvaco	28.75	+0.75
Weyerhaeuser	47	+1.125
Whirlpool	63.875	+0.625
Whitman	22.125	+0.125
Williams Co	29.0625	+0.0625
Winn Dixie Stos	45.1875	+0.875
Woolworth	18.5625	+0.3125
World Comm	45.8125	+1.8125
Worthington Ind	15.9375	+0.125
Wrigley	98.0625	+2.25
Xerox	95.5625	+4.25
Yellow Freight	18.25	+0.15625
Zenith Electron	-	-
Zero Co	27	-0.5

LONDON

Allied Domecq	584.5	+2.5
BAT Inds	571	+14
BT	666.5	+25.5
BTR	174	+3.25
Barclays	1717	+41
Bass	1125	+38
Boots	1000	-16
British Airways	574.5	+12
Comm Union plc	737	+48.5
General Electric	492.5	+2.5
Glaxo	1775	+67
Halifax	807.5	+4.5
HSBC (75p shs)	1540	+100
ICI	1050	+15
Land Securities	954	-6
Lloyds Bank	968	+15
Marks & Spencer	560	+24
NatWest Bank	1084	+22
Prudential	774	+22.5
Reuters	708	+16
Sainsbury	506	+16.5
Shell Transport	420	+1.75
Unilever	688.5	+16.5
Zeneca	2548	+38

PARIS

Accor	1681	+25
Air Liquide	980	+19
Alcatel Alsthom	1190	+36
Euro Disney	11.35	+0.1
Michelin 'B'	356.5	+3.7
Moulinex	184.5	+4.1
Paribas	595	+11
Pernod Ricard	419.9	-3.9
Peugeot	1305	+9
Saint Gobain	1172	+28

	LAST	CHANGE
Bayer	57.3	+2.6
Daimler-Benz	172.5	+4.2
Hoechst	47.1	+0.5
Mannesmann	171.5	+12
Metallgesellschaft	37.85	+0.85
Volkswagen	1775	+103

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 17-JUN-98)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	Last	Change
Sal (Basket) (1)	3.9164	0
U.S. Dollar (1)	3.675	0
British Pound (1)	6.0786	0
Deutsch Mark (1)	2.437	0
French Franc (1)	0.6937	0
Japanese Yen (100)	2.582	0
Swiss Franc (1)	2.4581	0
Canadian Dollar (1)	2.5011	0
Italian Lira (1000)	2.0783	0
Jordanian Dinar (1)	5.1818	0

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	8829.46	+164.17
DJ Transport	3373.13	+12.98
DJ Utils	220.72	-0.27
DJ Comp	2927.64	+32.3
NYSE Industr	703.5	+12.21
NYSE Transport	491.96	+1.54
NYSE Comp	568.85	+9.73
S&P 100	537.47	+8.08
S&P Spot Index	1107.14	+19.55

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	5839.7	+103
Tokyo Nikkei	14715.3	-5
Singapore all-share index	299.8	+0.78
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	8004.3	+477.9
Israel Index	229.67	+3.7
Paris CAC 40	4892.92	+79.64
DAX	5591.57	+84.27
Madrid	845.4	+6.83
Swiss Market Index	7582.7	+174
Sydney	2549.3	+24.4
Milan	1434.04	+15.47

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

	Last	Change
Pound: spot	1.6573	+0.0161
Sep.future (CME)	1.5802	+0.0162
D-mark: spot	1.7873	-0.0073
Sep.future (CME)	0.5598	+0.0035
S-franc: spot	1.4995	-0.0062
Sep.future (CME)	0.6775	0
Yen: spot	137	-0.05
Sep.future (CME)	0.007428	+0.000359
CanDlr: spot	1.4611	-0.0092
Sep.future (CME)	0.6856	+0.004
AusDlr: spot	0.6137	+0.0196
Sep.future (CME)	0.6161	+0.0218
F-franc: spot	5.992	-0.0405
It Lira: spot	1760	+11.5
Nig: spot	2.0141	-0.0113
AutSchg: spot	12.5741	-0.0767
Rand: spot	5.34	-0.015
ECU: spot	1.1064	+0.0071

US COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Jul) (CEC)	1454	+15
Coffee (Jul) (CEC)	118.05	+1.1
Wheat (Jul) (CBOT)	283.75	+6.75
Soybean (Jul) (CBOT)	825.5	+8.5
Sugar (Jul) (CEC)	7.98	+0.08
Orange juice (Jul)(CEC)	102.5	0
Crude Oil (Aug)(NYMEX)	13.89	+0.46
Bonds Sep.future	122.219	-1.15625
S and P Sep.future	1122.5	+23

LONDON COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Jul) (LCE)	1085	+0
Coffee (Jul) (LCE)	1700	+40
Brent crude oil (Aug)(IPE)	1306	+38

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

	Last	Change
Silver: spot	5.37	+0.18

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

	Last	Change
Gold (Aug)	294.9	+4.9
Silver (Jul)	5.385	+0.122
Platinum (Jul)	360.9	+5
Palladium (Sep)	330	+21.1
High-grade copper (Jul) c.i.f.	0.749	+0.0085

LONDON METAL FIXES

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	286.4	+2
Gold PM fix	290.9	+5.05
Silver fix	528	+14.5

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date
(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)
SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 17-JUN-98)

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.770	4.800	5.090
Pound sterling (£100,000)	5.550	5.540	5.820
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.180	2.280	2.700
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.060	0.190	0.560
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (17.6.98)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.8942	3.9571	—	—	3.9164
U.S. dollar	3.6525	3.7115	3.58	3.77	3.6750
German mark	2.0343	2.0672	1.99	2.10	2.0437
Pound sterling	6.0475	6.1451	5.94	6.24	6.0786
French franc	0.6066	0.6164	0.59	0.63	0.6097
Japanese yen (100)	2.5666	2.6080	2.52	2.65	2.5824
Dutch florin	1.8046	1.8338	1.77	1.86	1.8130
Swiss franc	2.4433	2.4828	2.40	2.52	2.4561
Swedish krona	0.4568	0.4642	0.44	0.48	0.4592
Norwegian krone	0.4799	0.4877	0.47	0.50	0.4825
Danish krone	0.5339	0.5426	0.52	0.56	0.5365
Finnish mark	0.6691	0.6799	0.65	0.69	0.6725
Canadian dollar	2.4885	2.5256	2.44	2.57	2.5011
Australian dollar	2.1774	2.2128	2.14	2.25	2.1901
S. African rand	0.6817	0.6927	0.61	0.70	0.6845
Belgian franc (10)	0.9883	1.0023	0.96	1.02	0.9906
Austrian schilling (10)	2.8907	2.9374	2.84	2.98	2.9053
Italian lira (1000)	2.0650	2.0984	2.02	2.13	2.0763
Jordanian dinar	5.1372	5.2201	5.07	5.42	5.1818
Egyptian pound	1.0300	1.1200	1.03	1.12	1.1315
ECU	4.0215	4.0864	—	—	4.0997
Irish punt	5.1249	5.2076	5.03	5.28	5.1479
Spanish pesets (100)	2.3977	2.4364	2.35	2.48	2.4090

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

Stocks up on hope interest rate will fall

Tel Aviv

Stocks rose for a second day, with Bezeq and Israel Discount Bank posting some of the biggest gains, amid expectations the central bank will lower interest rates next week for the sixth time this year.

The Maof Index of the 25 largest companies rose 0.56 percent to 335.00.

Israel Discount gained 4.46% to NIS 4.68 on speculation other Israeli banks will bid to buy it in coming months after the government reduces its stake to less than 50%.

Bezeq rose 2.15% to NIS 11.9 as the government plans to sell shares either privately or through a public offering, reducing its stake to 35% from 54%.

"There's talk of a bidding war" for Israel Discount, involving banks such as Bank Leumi Le-Israel and First International Bank of Israel, said Boaz Leviatan, analyst at Sahar Securities. As for Bezeq, "it's the privatization and the fact that Bezeq is fundamentally cheap," he said.

Expectations the Bank of Israel will lower interest rates next week were boosted Tuesday by a report M1 money supply fell 0.9% in May from April. A drop in M1, which is money in public circulation, means people are spending less and is a sign the economy is slowing, giving the central bank leeway to lower rates.

The government also reported this week that consumer prices rose 0.4% in May, a fraction of April's 1.4% rise.

"CPI is low, and that means expectations for more rate cuts," Leviatan said.

Europe

In London, the blue-chip FTSE 100 index shrugged off news of a sharp rise in UK wages during March and closed 103 points, or 1.8 percent, higher at 5823.7 – its second-biggest points gain this year.

But the broader mid-caps index fell after strong wage data fanned fears that British interest rates may have to rise again soon to stem inflation pressures. Average earnings rose by 5.2% in March, up from 4.9% in February and much more strongly than expected.

"Whichever way you cut this data, it is a worry. In terms of rates ... if this holds up, the Bank of England will raise rates in the third quarter of 1998 at some point," Deutsche Bank economist Ciaran Barr said.

Germany's Xetra Dax index closed up 2.15% at 5,742.83, while France's CAC 40 jumped 1.96% to 4,092.3.

Asia

Japanese stocks traded little changed yesterday as the stronger yen and the possibility of coordinated currency intervention were insufficient to offset concern about banks' bad loans.

"Until Japan does something significant on the bad-debt front and injects confidence in the system, the equity market and the currency market will not turn around," said Coen Kluyver, general manager at ING Baring Securities (Japan) foreign institutional sales department.

The Nikkei 225 index fell 5 points, or 0.03 percent, to 14,715.38. The broader Topix index of all shares on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange added 0.37 point, or 0.03%, to 1156.84.

Nikkei 225 index futures for September delivery traded in Singapore gained 140 points to 14,800; those traded in Osaka rose 140 points to 14,765. An estimated 404 million shares traded on the first section, down from the six-month daily average of 446 million. Gainers outpaced losers about 689 to 392 on the first section.

US Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers will arrive in Tokyo today to ask for Japanese cooperation in averting another Asian currency crisis, the *Nihon Keizai* newspaper said.

STOCKS



Maof 335 ▲ 0.56%

Dow Jones 8829 ▲ 1.9%

FTSE 5823 ▲ 1.8%

Nikkei 14715.38 ▼ 0.03%

That helped stabilize the dollar at about 143 yen, after it climbed Tuesday to an eight-year high of 146.78. The dollar recently bought 142.96 yen.

"Players are wondering what Summers has in his bag, so the shorts are going into hiding and the yen is recovering – for now," said Dhia Amir, senior institutional sales trader at Nomura Securities Co. Short selling refers to borrowing and selling stock in anticipation of a drop in price. (Bloomberg)

Wall Street

NEW YORK (Reuters) - US stocks soared on yesterday after central bank intervention ignited a big recovery in the long suffering Japanese yen, defusing the threat of a vicious circle of currency devaluations in Asia.

Based on early, unofficial results, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 164.17 points, or almost 1.9 percent, at 8,829.46, recapturing a large portion of Monday's 207-point loss.

In the broad market, advancing issues beat declines by a 3-to-1 margin on heavy volume of 724 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

Federal Reserve sells dollars for yen

The dollar fell 3.5 percent against the yen after the Federal Reserve sold dollars for the *Japanese currency*, a move traders interpreted as an attempt to prevent countries in Asia slumping deeper into recession.

"This signals a shift in the Fed's policy and represents a cap for the dollar," keeping it from rising above 145 yen in the weeks ahead, said Gerry Celaya, a senior currency analyst at American Express Bank. "It makes a lot of sense," given the threat the weak yen could slow economic growth throughout Asia, he said.

The dollar fell as low as 138.25 yen, down from an eight-year high of 146.78 set Tuesday. The dollar's losses against the yen also took it lower against the mark, to 1.7868 marks from 1.7977 marks Tuesday.

The yen had declined 10 percent against the dollar this year, threatening to relay Japan's economic slowdown to more of its Asian neighbors by hurting their ability to compete with Japan's exports. China warned yesterday it might *devalue its currency if the yen* sinks further.

The dollar extended losses made earlier against the yen on expectations US Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers will press Japan to take additional measures to revive its economy. Japan's *Nihon Keizai* newspaper reported that Summers will have "emergency discussions" in Japan today.

The US confirmed the Federal Reserve Bank of New York is operating in currency exchange markets for its own account — the first such move by the US since 1995. "The New York Fed is operating in the exchange market on behalf of US monetary authorities," a Treasury spokesman said.

The Fed "finally found a good opportunity to make the most of some intervention with a pause in the dollar appreciation," John Hazelton, chief trader at Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co.

"US authorities believed that the rate of appreciation of dollar was in no one's best interest, especially if you look at equity markets around the world. That's not something they want to spill into the US stock market."

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin suggested Tuesday that Summers would visit Japan, saying "the weakness of the yen and the weakness of the Japanese economy" means "it might be an *appropriate time* for Larry Summers to go have direct discussions on the premises, if you will, as opposed to telephonically." Still, he said, a decision hadn't yet been made.

"There is some hope that Summers can talk Japan into taking more authoritative action," to boost its economy, said Philip Uglow, an economist at Sakura Finance International. "The market doesn't believe Japan has done enough."

Recent comments from Rubin suggested the visit wasn't geared at developing an "intervention" plan, or a plan for a joint move by the US and Japan to sell dollars for yen.

On Tuesday, he again discouraged that approach, saying "the fundamental answer to those fundamental problems is economic policy."

CURRENCIES



Dollar 3.6750 ▼ 0.30%

Basket 3.9164 ▼ 0.19%

Mark 2.0437 ▼ 0.13%

The government announced last week the economy fell into recession for the first time in six years. Japan's gross domestic product shrank 1.3 percent in the first three months of the year from the previous quarter, or 5.3 percent at an annualized rate.

The Fed's move to buy yen "has broken momentum, but does not change the underlying fundamentals," said Marc Chandler, currency strategist at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell. "It doesn't necessarily signal a turnaround in the dollar-yen." China's Finance Minister Xiang Huaicheng said the government's pledge not to devalue the yuan is under threat as its economy continues to slow, in part because exports have been hurt by the weaker yen. China's yuan and the Hong Kong dollar are the only major currencies in East Asia not to have been devalued against the US dollar since the region's financial crisis erupted last year. (Bloomberg)

Oil jumps after reduction agreement

Energy

Crude oil for July delivery rose 27 cents to $12.25 a barrel after climbing as much as 46 cents, or 3.8 percent, to $12.44 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Eight countries have now pledged a combined output reduction of 740,000 barrels a day in a second round of cutbacks aimed at lifting prices.

Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Saud Nasser Al-Sabah said he expects pledges in the current round of oil production cutbacks to total almost 1.2 million barrels a day, Dow Jones Newswires reported from a meeting of six Persian Gulf nations in Riyadh.

The Kuwaiti minister said he expects more announcements from other producers. After floor trading on Tuesday, the American Petroleum Institute reported that US crude oil stockpiles fell a greater-than-expected 1.1 million barrels last week to 344.5 million barrels as imports fell 7%. Much of the decline was in the region that includes Cushing, Oklahoma, where New York futures are delivered.

Heating oil for July delivery rose as much as 0.43 cent, or 1.2%, to 37.40 cents a gallon on the Nymex.

Precious metals

Gold for August delivery rose as much $3.80, or 1.3 percent, to $293.80 an ounce on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange. A weaker dollar is making it cheaper for investors using other currencies to buy dollar-priced metals.

COMMODITIES



Gold $290.95 ▲ 2.3%

Crude Oil $13.06 ▲ 0.34

CRB 209.79 ▲ 0.77%

The dollar slumped to its lowest against the yen since June 5 after the Federal Reserve sold dollars for Japanese currency. The dollar sank as low as 138.25 yen, slipping from an eight-year high set against the yen Tuesday. Japan is the world's seventh-largest gold consumer.

Others

De Beers/Centenary AG said it reduced sales of uncut gem diamonds by 41 percent to an 11-year low in the first half of the year to match slumping Asian demand, in line with analysts' expectations.

De Beers sold $1.7 billion in rough diamonds in the first five of the year's 10 scheduled sales to authorized merchants, known as sights, down from a record $2.88b. a year earlier. The company's London-based Central Selling Organization controls the distribution of about 70% of the world's rough diamonds through agreements with producing nations.

Demand for polished diamonds in Japan, the second biggest market after the US with about 20% of world sales, fell 25% last year. Sales in South Korea, Thailand and Indonesia also fell. Analysts expect retail demand to fall further in the second half, although they forecast that De Beer's sales will rise as diamond traders restock their low inventories. (Bloolmberg)

US bonds tumble as Fed sells off dollars

US bonds plunged for a second *day yesterday after the Federal* Reserve and Bank of Japan sold dollars for yen, sending the US currency into a tailspin and reducing the appeal of dollar-denominated investments.

"The downdraft in Treasuries is all a dollar story," said George Adell, a trader at Philadelphia-based Starboard Capital Markets. "There's been dollar selling, and that's pressured Treasuries lower."

The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond fell 1 9/32, or $11.56 per $1,000 bond, pushing its yield up 9 basis points to 5.74 percent. Its yield rose 17 basis points from a record low Monday.

Bonds fell with the dollar after the Fed said it sold dollars and *bought the Japanese currency* to help boost the yen after it fell to an *eight-year low against the dollar* in recent days. The dollar's slide began yesterday after news US Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers may visit Japan today to discuss ways to revive the economy and stop the yen's decline.

In recent trading the dollar fell to 138.30 yen from 143.17 late Tuesday in New York.

"As the yen goes up in value and the dollar goes down, it relieves pressure in Asia and there is less of a flight to quality," said Andrew Brenner, head of global fixed-income trading at Fimat USA Inc.

Bonds also fell as stocks in Asia rebounded, led by an 8.5 percent gain in Korea and a 6.2 percent rise in Hong Kong.

BONDS



US 30 -yearT-bill yield

5.74 ▲ 0.09

"As the crisis relieves itself, it tells you the bond market will go back to where it was," with 30-yields trading between 5.75 percent and 6.10 percent, Brenner said.

Yesterday's Fed action came amid concern the yen's 10 percent fall this year will worsen Japan's recession, hurting its Asian neighbors and growth globally.

Still, some traders such as Adell at Starboard said any move to prop up the yen through central bank purchases would likely not be long-lasting, giving Treasuries room for more gains. Bonds may also get a boost as the recession in Japan and other Asian countries hurts the US economy by sapping demand for American products and services.

"We're having a little breather now, but long-term you want to be positive on Treasuries," said Adell, who predicts 30-year yields could fall to 5.50 percent by month-end.

On Monday, bond yields briefly touched 5.57 percent – the lowest since the Treasury began regular auctions of 30-year securities – capping a rally which sent yields down more than 40 basis points as turmoil in Asia boosted bonds' allure and raised the chances for a slowdown in the US. Investors will get new clues on the economy today with the Federal Reserve's regional survey of economic conditions, known as the Beige Book.

On Tuesday the government said its consumer price index rose a bigger-than-expected 0.3 percent last month, the fastest in 17 months. The index rose 0.2 percent excluding food and energy costs.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues on the Federal Open Market Committee next meet to consider interest rates in a two-day meeting beginning June 30. (Bloomberg)

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SPORTS

in brief

Pioline defaulted for insulting umpire

NOTTINGHAM (Reuters) – Fourth seed Cedric Pioline was thrown out of the Nottingham Open after insulting an umpire yesterday.

Pioline, world No. 11 and last year's Wimbledon runner-up, lost his temper in the second set of his second round match over a net cord he claimed was not called.

The Frenchman verbally abused Chilean umpire Pedro Bravo in French and the tournament supervisor was called on to Centre Court.

After a heated discussion Pioline was defaulted, handing a quarter-final spot to his opponent Scott Draper, champion at Queen's Club last week.

Past champions may get UEFA wildcards

GENEVA (Reuters) – AC Milan and Borussia Dortmund could win a back-door entry into the UEFA Cup next season even though they have failed to qualify, UEFA said yesterday.

A plan put forward at a UEFA meeting in Paris on Tuesday would give wild card entries to European champions of the past five years who have not been able to earn places in any of the three European club competitions.

A final decision will be taken by UEFA's executive committee in Paris on July 10-11.

Caesarea golf

The Caesarea Golf Club hosted an alliance (2) best balls stableford event last weekend.

Taking first place with 14 better than par 86 were Zev Abraham, Efie Been, John Gainsford and Sam Federman. Eli Hasson with his grandson, Elad, Gabriel Fish and David Hilzenrath were second with 82 points. Also with 82 but with an inferior back-nine were Dick Fogelson, Aviva Dankner, Clive Josset and Jules Cuburnek who filled the third spot. *Heather Chait*

NBA players bounced from US roster

NEW YORK (AP) – Faced with an unstable labor situation, USA Basketball on Tuesday announced it would replace the 12 NBA players chosen to represent the United States in the World Championships.

"We are extremely disappointed and regret that this action had to be taken, but training camp for our team starts July 8, and we simply cannot wait until July 2 for a decision before we begin the process of fielding a replacement team," said USA Basketball executive director Warren Brown.

The World Championships begin July 29 in Athens, Greece. The current NBA labor agreement expires July 1 and indications are that a lockout by the owners could be possible.

The 12 NBA players on the US team were: Tim Duncan (San Antonio), Tim Hardaway (Miami), Vin Baker and Gary Payton (Seattle), Terrell Brandon (Milwaukee), Kevin Garnett and Tom Gugliotta (Minnesota), Grant Hill (Detroit), Allan Houston (New York), Christian Laettner (Atlanta), Glen Rice (Charlotte) and Chris Webber (Sacramento).

Rudy Tomjanovich of the Houston Rockets was the coach.

Other countries participating are Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Greece, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Nigeria, Puerto Rico, Russia, Senegal, South Korea, Spain and Yugoslavia.

Graf finds Eastbourne a breeze, Venus blown away

EASTBOURNE (Reuters) – Steffi Graf found the English seaside a breeze yesterday, racing through her first match of Wimbledon warm-up week for the loss of just three games.

The former world No. 1, who has missed much of the last year through a succession of injuries, overcame blustery winds to beat Briton Samantha Smith 6-1 6-2 in her opening game at the Eastbourne grass-court tournament.

But Venus Williams's Wimbledon preparations took a severe knock when the American world number six lost her second-round match.

The usually confident Williams, who like Graf had a first-round bye, looked frustrated and miserable as she battled blustery winds and Belarussian Natasha Zvereva. The fourth seed came off badly against both, crashing out of the tournament 6-2 6-1 in just 38 minutes.

Two other seeds went out of the $450,000 event on Wednesday.

Frenchwoman Nathalie Tauziat, the number seven seed and the 1995 champion here, played an error-ridden game to lose 6-2 4-6 8-6 to Russian Elena Likhovtseva in the first round and Japan's Ai Sugiyama, seeded eighth, went out in the second, losing 6-2 7-5 to Serena Williams, Venus's younger sister.

Boldon equals third fastest 100m time

ATHENS (Reuters) – World 200 meters champion Ato Boldon equalled the third fastest time ever over 100 meters when he clocked 9.86 seconds at an international meeting in Athens yesterday.

Only Olympic champion Donovan Bailey of Canada, who set the world record of 9.84 at the 1996 Atlanta Games and American Leroy Burrell, who set the previous world mark of 9.85 in Lausanne four years ago, have run faster.

Trinidad's Boldon, who also clocked 9.86 at a meeting in Walnut, California, two months ago, finished 0.07 of a second ahead of Namibia's Frankie Fredericks.

Cleveland snaps losing streak

CLEVELAND (AP) – Manny Ramirez homered and drove in six runs, and Bartolo Colon pitched his AL-leading fifth complete game as the Cleveland Indians ended a four-game losing streak with a 9-1 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

Ramirez had a two-run double in the first, a solo homer in the fifth off Kansas City starter Hipolito Pichardo (2-6) and a three-run double in Cleveland's five-run sixth Tuesday night.

Colon (6-4), who has gone at least eight innings in seven of 14 starts, allowed one run and six hits, walking one and striking out two. The 23-year-old lowered his ERA to 2.73.

Devil Rays 4, Blue Jays 3

At St. Petersburg, Toronto's bullpen blew it for the second straight night as Miguel Cairo's RBI double capped Tampa Bay's three-run ninth-inning rally off Randy Myers.

Myers (2-2) was brought in to hold a 3-1 lead for starter Pat Hentgen. With one out, pinch-hitter Aaron Ledesma doubled and scored on Mike DiFelice's single. Bobby Smith's base hit sent pinch-runner Randy Winn to third.

Kevin Stocker hit a chopper to short and Winn beat Alex Gonzalez's throw to the plate. Cairo hit Myers' next pitch into right-center for a ground-rule double, scoring Smith.

Jim Mecir (3-0) pitched two scoreless innings for the win.

Orioles 2, Yankees 0

In Baltimore, rookie Sidney Ponson and Arthur Rhodes combined on a two-hitter to end New York's major league record streak of non-losing series at 24.

By winning the first two games of the three-game series, Baltimore assured the Yankees of not splitting or winning a series for the first time since opening the year with two straight losses at Anaheim.

Ponson (1-4), making just his fourth career start and his first at Camden Yards, allowed the two hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Rhodes finished for his third save.

Alomar homered off Hideki Irabu (6-2) and Lenny Webster matched a career-high with three hits for Baltimore.

Red Sox 6, White Sox 1

At Chicago, Pedro Martinez struck out 11 in seven innings to take over the AL lead and Reggie Jefferson hit a two-run homer to lead Boston.

Martinez (8-2) gave up four hits and walked a season-high five. He raised his strikeout total to 124, passing Seattle's Randy Johnson (122) for the league lead.

Nomar Garciaparra and Lou Merloni each had three hits for the Red Sox, who've won five of six.

Jason Bere (3-6) was charged with five runs and seven hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Athletics 9, Rangers 7

At Arlington, Texas, rookie Ben Grieve homered twice in his hometown debut and Oakland hung on after blowing most of a nine-run lead.

Grieve, who grew up watching the Rangers, hit two-run shots in the first and second innings off Matt Perisho (0-1) in his first game at The Ballpark in Arlington to help the A's take a 6-0 lead.

Grieve's first career multi-homer game led the A's to their fourth victory in their last five games. Texas has lost five of its last six.

Buddy Groom (3-1) pitched two hitless innings of relief for the win, and Billy Taylor pitched a perfect ninth for his 12th save.

Twins 8, Tigers 5

In Detroit, Pat Meares' two-run single put Minnesota ahead to stay in the sixth inning and Ron Coomer hit a three-run homer in the seventh as the Twins won for the sixth time in nine games.

Kimera Bartee hit a two-run homer and had a career-high four RBIs for the Tigers, who have lost 12 of 16.

Minnesota trailed 3-2 when one-out singles from Todd Walker and Coomer finished Tigers starter Denny Harriger (0-1) in the sixth. Sean Runyan walked Matt Lawton before Meares singled home two runs off Tim Worrell to put the Twins ahead.

Reliever Dan Serafini (3-0) got the win and Rick Aguilera got his 14th save.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Brewers 11, Cubs 2

In Chicago, Jeromy Burnitz, John Jaha and Jose Valentin homered to lead Milwaukee's 16-hit attack as the Brewers snapped Chicago's 10-game home winning streak, 11-2 Tuesday.

Brad Woodall (3-2) held the Cubs scoreless into the seventh inning, allowing four hits with four strikeouts and one walk. He also had three hits, walked once and scored twice.

Milwaukee scored six runs in the sixth, including Valentin's two-run shot. It was his 10th homer of the season, and fourth in his last four games.

Diamondbacks 5, Reds 1

In Cincinnati, Omar Daal set an Arizona record with nine strikeouts and the Diamondbacks got another franchise first – victory No. 1 on artificial turf.

Travis Lee and David Dellucci had three hits apiece for the Diamondbacks, who had four doubles and a triple among their 10 hits.

Daal (3-4) lost his shutout when Chris Stynes singled home a run in the ninth, but he finished for the first complete game of his career.

The Reds lost for the 11th time in 14 games.

Mets 2, Expos 0

In Montreal, Al Leiter pitched a five-hitter for his fifth career shutout and lowered his ERA to an NL-best 1.53.

Leiter (8-3), who won his fifth straight start, struck out seven and walked one as New York won for the 18th time in 26 games. Montreal has lost six of eight.

Butch Huskey's bases-loaded single in the sixth broke up a scoreless duel between Leiter and Dustin Hermanson (4-6).

Braves 7, Marlins 0

In Atlanta, the Braves scored six runs in the first inning and went on to beat Florida in their first meeting since last year's National League championship series.

Ryan Klesko hit the sixth grand slam of his career, Denny Neagle broke a personal three-game losing streak with a four-hitter and Bobby Cox became the winningest manager in Braves history.

Cox has won 1,005 games in two stints as Atlanta manager, breaking the record set by Frank Selee from 1890-1901, when the franchise was in Boston.

Cardinals 9, Astros 4

At Houston, Gary Gaetti hit a three-run homer and Brian Jordan added a two-run shot as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Astros.

Gaetti homered in a four-run first for the Cardinals, but the Astros rallied to tie it with four runs in the bottom of the inning.

Pete Schourek (3-5) walked home the go-ahead run in the third, Jordan homered off Trever Miller in the fourth and Delino DeShields hit a solo shot in the eighth.

Mark McGwire, who leads the majors with 31 homers, didn't hit any before the largest weekday crowd of the season (34,822) at the Astrodome. He walked twice, hit into a double play, flew out and struck out.

Phillies 8, Pirates 7

In Philadelphia, Mike Lieberthal's three-run, pinch-hit homer capped a seven-run ninth inning for Philadelphia.

The Phillies trailed 7-1 heading into the ninth but rallied against relievers Ricardo Rincon and Rich Loiselle (1-5).

Rookie Robert Dodd pitched the ninth for the Phillies to get his first major league victory.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	48	22	.686	–
New York	38	27	.585	7½
Philadelphia	33	34	.493	13½
Montreal	26	42	.382	21
Florida	21	46	.304	26½

Central Division

Houston	42	27	.609	–
Chicago	40	29	.580	2
Milwaukee	34	33	.507	7
Pittsburgh	34	36	.486	8½
St. Louis	33	35	.485	8½
Cincinnati	30	41	.423	13

West Division

San Diego	45	25	.643	–
San Francisco	42	29	.592	3½
Los Angeles	34	35	.493	10½
Colorado	30	41	.423	15½
Arizona	23	47	.329	22

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	47	16	.746	–
Boston	40	27	.597	9
Baltimore	34	36	.486	16½
Toronto	34	36	.486	16½
Tampa Bay	29	39	.426	20½

Central Division

Cleveland	39	28	.582	–
Minnesota	32	36	.471	7½
Chicago	28	40	.412	11½
Kansas City	26	42	.382	13½
Detroit	25	41	.379	13½

West Division

Anaheim	40	28	.588	–
Texas	40	29	.580	½
Oakland	31	37	.456	9
Seattle	29	41	.414	12

Tuesday's NL results: Milwaukee 11, Chicago Cubs 2; Arizona 5, Cincinnati 1; N.Y. Mets 2, Montreal 0; Philadelphia 8 Pittsburgh 7; Atlanta 7 Florida 0; St. Louis 9, Houston 4; San Francisco 5 Colorado 3; San Diego 10 Los Angeles 6.

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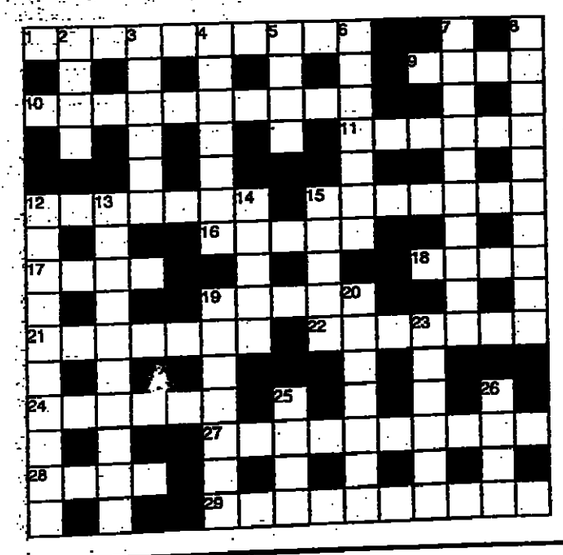
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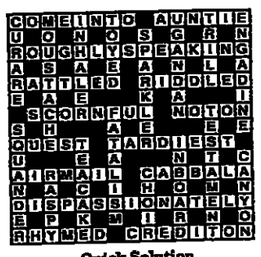
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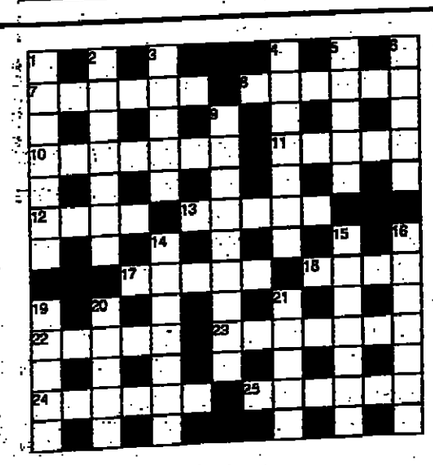
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12:00 Social Science
12:30 History
13:30 Animation
14:30 Bay City
15:00 River Horse Lake

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

15:30 Elle and Lily and Zap 1
15:35 X Men
16:00 Bykker Grove
16:30 Boy Meets World
16:59 New Evening
17:35 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
17:45 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS
18:15 France '98
20:35 Gregory Hines
21:00 News
21:45 France '98
00:00 News
00:05 Time For Language

■ CHANNEL 2 (22)

5:45 Today's programs
5:55 On the Edge of the Shelf
6:00 Animation
6:30 Rainbow Children
9:00 Rivka Michaeli
9:55 Rich Man, Poor Man
10:50 Dynasty
11:40 Arad Festival '97
12:30 Genie and the Captain
13:00 My Secret Identity
13:30 Home and Away
14:00 Tick Tack
14:30 Sesame Street
15:00 Major Dad
15:27 Roseanne
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:50 Different Driving
17:00 Five with Reshet
17:30 The Rez
18:00 The World's Dumbest Criminals
18:05 Jenny
18:35 Spin City
19:01 Buffy The Vampire Slayer
20:00 News
20:30 Shemesh
21:05 Only In Israel
22:00 Seven (1995) – two unlikely police partners are hot on the heels of a serial killer. With Brad Pitt and Morgan Freeman
00:00 News
00:10 Seven – cont.
00:45 Screen Test
1:31 I'm A Palm Tree
2:00 Story Tellers' Festival
2:52 Guitar Festival
3:40 On the Edge of the Shelf

■ JORDAN TV (31) (unconfirmed)

14:00 Holy Koran
14:10 Dink the Dinosaur
14:30 The Prince and the Pauper
14:45 Energy Express
15:00 French TV
18:00 Burnt Bridge
19:00 Le Journal
19:15 French Show
19:30 News Headlines
19:35 My Brother Jake
20:00 Job Hunting
20:30 Dr. Quinn, Doctor of the West
21:10 Oprah Winfrey
22:00 News in English
22:30 Movie
00:00 Comedy series
00:30 Entertainment

■ MIDDLE EAST TV (24/27)

14:00 TV Shop
14:30 Body Electric
15:00 Basic Training
15:30 The 700 Club
16:00 Larry King
17:00 Popeye
17:45 Sonic the Hedgehog
18:10 Jack Hanna
18:35 It Takes Two to Love
19:00 World of Entertainment
19:30 World News Tonight (Arabic)
20:00 What Would You Do?
20:25 Movie: Butter Cream Gang
22:05 Homicide
23:00 The 700 Club
23:30 CNN News

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■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Animation
16:15 Amores
17:00 Panorama
17:30 From Day To Day
18:00 Wiseman of the Generations
19:00 Arabic News
19:30 Russian News
20:00 Profiles
20:30 Telekessel
21:00 News
21:45 Hobson's Choice (1954) – David Lean's ebullient version of the 1931 original about an overbearing father who eventually loses control of his three daughters. With Charles Laughton and John Mills
23:30 Urban Angel

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Boogie's Diner
16:00 Scientific Eye
16:40 Let's Look Up
17:00 Marianne
17:30 Moliera
18:00 Destinos
18:30 Art Workshop
19:00 Jewish Studies
19:30 Vis-a-vis
20:00 New Evening
20:30 Life in an Age
21:00 Cinescopus – Dancing in the Street
22:00 Photographic Design
22:30 Marketing
23:00 Upstairs Downstairs

■ CHANNEL 3

7:00 ITV: Celebrity Diets
8:00 Celeste
9:00 One Life to Live
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives
11:15 Dulce Ana (rpt)
12:00 Love Boat
12:45 Hart to Hart
13:30 John Larroquette
14:00 Bewitched (rpt)
14:25 I Dream of Jeannie
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:35 Judge Judy
16:00 Angels Don't Cry – new Argentinean soap opera
16:45 One Life to Live
17:30 The Other Half
18:00 Trivia Game (rpt)
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless
19:40 Beverly Hills 90210 (rpt)
20:25 Hercules
21:10 Xena, the Warrior Princess
22:00 Suddenly Susan
22:30 Seinfeld
23:00 Ricki Lake
23:45 Law and Order
00:30 Babylon 5
1:20 Love Boat
2:10 TV Women
3:00 The Commish
3:45 Soldier, Soldier

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 War and Remembrance (1989)
13:15 The Last Days of Pompeii (1935) – historical drama set in the heyday of the Roman Empire. A gladiator aspires to wealth and power. With Preston Foster and Basil Rathbone
15:00 She Woke Up (1992) – a socialite is attacked and sinks into a coma. When she recovers, she must find out who her attacker was before he tries again
16:35 Hogg's Heaven (1994) – short comedy about a young poet and his family
17:05 Present Tense, Past Perfect (1995) – short film by Richard Dreyfuss about a businessman on a trip to LA who meets a former lover
17:45 Las Cosas Cabbian (Argentina, 1996) – a woman has an unfaithful husband who contracts cancer and leaves her again after she nurses him back to health
19:00 Rockinghorse (Hebrew, 1978) – an artist returns to Tel Aviv after many years abroad and tries to make a film about the glamorous days of the city in the 1930s. With Shmuel Kraus, Gedalia Besser and Arik Lavie
20:15 Milk Money (1994) – 12-year-olds save up their money to visit a prostitute and end up fixing her up with one boy's father and helping her escape a mobster. With Melanie Griffith
22:00 Flirting with Disaster (1996) – five months after the birth of his son, a neurotic young man remains obsessed with meeting his biological parents. He, his wife, and his social-worker-in-training take off on a calamitous trip across the country to find them. With Ben Stiller, Patricia Arquette, Alan Alda, George Segal and Lily Tomlin
23:40 Rage (1995) – a Mafia guinea pig who is injected with drugs which cause murderous outbursts escapes in search of the antidote
1:15 Midnight Temptations (1994) – erotic thriller about death and deception in the clothing industry
2:45 Bodies, Rest and Motion (1993, 90 mins.) – low-key portrait of four generation-Xers in Arizona. Adapted from a play by Roger Hedden

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons
9:00 Theo
9:10 Barney
9:35 Arthur
10:05 The Smurfs
10:35 Ninja Turtles
11:00 Bobby's World
11:25 Space Goofs
11:55 Animaniacs
12:20 Family Matters
12:45 Helen and the Boys
13:15 Bernstein Bears
13:30 Y.Y. Family
13:35 Sharky and George
14:00 Sinbad the sailor Fantasy
14:30 The Smurfs
15:05 Ninja Turtles
15:30 Bobby's World
15:55 Sky Dancers
16:25 Animaniacs
16:45 Cosby Show
17:20 Helen and the Boys
17:45 Chiquititas
18:30 The Secret World of Alex
19:00 Cream: with Michal Yanai
19:50 Married with Children
20:15 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air – reruns
20:40 Full House
21:10 Beverly Hills 90210

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 L'Amore Molesto (Italian, 1995) – when her elusive, enigmatic mother suddenly turns up dead, Delia decides to investigate. While searching her mother's past, Delia is forced to revisit and confront her own childhood. Written and directed by Mario Martone. With Anna Bonaiuto, Angela Luce and Gianni Cajafa
23:45 Seven Days in May (1964, 113 mins.) – drama about a planned military coup in the US intended to prevent rapprochement with the Soviets. With Burt Lancaster, Kirk Douglas, Fredric March and Ava Gardner

■ CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University
8:00 Endangered Species (rpt)
8:30 Wildlife Adventures: Panama
9:15 Worlds Apart: The Mountain Warrior (rpt)
9:40 Ruggero Raimondi – the life of the renowned baritone
10:35 Sharing Till the End: Leonard Bernstein in Japan
11:35 Arctic (rpt)
12:35 Plants and People: Coca (rpt)
13:05 Wild Film: Nature, the Enemy (rpt)
13:30 The Churchills
14:20 Tour de France
16:00 Okavango Magic
17:00 Open University: Africa; The Earth is Our Mother
19:05 Arctic, part 5
20:00 Beyond 2000
20:30 Wild Film: Stranger Than Fiction
21:00 Martin Luther King
22:00 In His Words: Bobby Kennedy – a review of JFK's younger brother's career
22:55 Tazman Jewel – Nature of Lord Howe Island in Australia
23:45 Open University: Battle For Global Supremacy; Four American Composers

■ NBC EUROPE (19/10)

6:00 The News
7:00 Europe Today
10:00 European Money Wheel
13:00 Intermight (rpt)
14:00 Time and Again
15:00 Travel Xpress
15:30 VIP (rpt)
16:00 The Today Show
17:00 Company of Animals
17:30 Dream Builders
18:00 Time and Again
19:00 Wines of Italy
19:30 VIP
20:00 Europe Tonight
20:30 The Ticket
21:00 National Geographic Television: Serengeti Diary
22:00 NBC Supersports
23:00 Tonight Show
00:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien
1:00 The Ticket (rpt)
1:30 VIP (rpt)
2:00 Tonight Show (rpt)
3:00 Intermight

■ STAR PLUS (18/15)

6:00 Hindi programs
8:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
9:00 'Allo, 'Allo
9:30 Due South
10:30 Santa Barbara
11:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
12:00 Hindi programs
14:00 Wonder Years
14:30 Small Wonder
15:00 Hindi programs
18:30 Star News
19:00 Are You Being Served?
19:30 Bay Watch
20:30 Special Session
21:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
21:30 Star News (rpt)
22:00 Newhart
22:30 Murder, She Wrote
23:30 Prime Suspect: Inner Circles (rpt)
1:30 Santa Barbara
2:30 Oprah Winfrey

■ BBC WORLD (13/14)

News on the hour
6:45 World Business
7:30 Money Program
8:30 Future Fantastic
9:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
10:30 Film '98 (rpt)
11:30 Money Program
12:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
13:30 Holiday: Fasten Your Seat belt (rpt)
14:00 The World Today
15:30 Land of the Tiger
16:00 World News and Business Report
16:30 The World Today
17:30 Jeremy Clarkson's Extreme Machines, part 1 (rpt)
18:30 Hard Talk
19:30 IBR Midweek
20:00 The World Today
21:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
22:30 Panorama
23:00 World News and Business Report
23:30 Earth Report
00:10 Europe Direct
1:00 World News and Business Report
1:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
2:05 USA Direct
2:30 Money Program

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL (12)

News through the day
6:15 American Edition
8:30 World Report
7:00 CNN This Morning
7:30 Insight (rpt)
8:00 CNN This Morning
8:30 Moneyline (rpt)
9:00 CNN This Morning
9:30 World Sport
10:00 CNN This Morning
10:30 Showbiz Today
11:00 Larry King (rpt)
12:30 World Sport
13:30 American Edition
13:45 World Report: As They See It
14:30 Science and Technology
15:15 News & Business Asia
16:30 CNN Newsroom
17:30 World Sport
18:30 Travel Guide
19:00 Larry King Live
20:45 American Edition
21:30 World Business
22:30 Q&A
23:00 News Europe
23:30 Insight (rpt)
00:00 World Business
0:30 World Sport
1:00 World View

■ CHANNEL 5 (05)

3:55 NBA Live – Final, game no. 7
6:30 Body In Motion
8:00 NBA – Final game no. 7 highlights
16:00 Body in Motion
16:30 WCW Wrestling Special
19:30 NBA – Final game no. 7 highlights
22:30 Athletics Special

■ EUROSPORT (15/16)

8:00 World Cup Premiere (rpt)
9:30 World Cup highlights
11:00 World Cup
13:00 Rendezvous France '98
14:00 World Cup Le Mix (rpt)
15:30 Live Tennis – Netherlands
17:00 Tour of Switzerland
18:00 Tennis
19:30 Bowling
20:3 World Cup (highlights)
21:50 World Cup
00:00 World Cup
2:00 Soccer – World Cup (highlights)

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:05 Schmelzer: Sonata no 4 for Violin and Continuo (1664) (Manze / Romanesca); Bach: Brandenburg Concerto no 1 (Il Giardino Armonico); C.P.E.Bach: Cello Concerto in A minor (Suzuki / Japan Bach Collegium)
7:07 J.C. Bach: Quintet in D major for Flute, Oboe, Violin, Cello, Harpsichord and Double Bass (Leipzig Bach Collegium); Dittersdorf: Symphony in G major (Cantilena Orch / Shepherd); Mozart: Piano Sonata in C major K279 (de Larrocha)
8:05 Dvorak: String Sextet op 48 (Camerata Berne); Purcell: Ode to St. Cecilia (Deller Consort)
9:05 Bach: Italian Concerto (Brendel); Pergolesi: Stabat Mater; Mozart: String Quartet no 17 K458 "Hunt" (Israel); Schumann: Papillons op 2 (Ashkenazy); Saint-Saens: Violin Concerto no 3 (Rachlin / IPO / Mehta); Rachmaninoff: Symphony no 1
12:00 Noon with Gideon Hod
14:06 Encore
16:00 Bach: Chorales and Chorale Preludes (Amsterdam Baroque Choir / Koopman); Beethoven: String Trio op 9 no 1 (Archibudelli); Brahms: Sonata in F minor for Viola and Piano op 120 no 1 (Kashkashian / Levin); Zemlinsky: selected songs; Schoenberg: Chamber Symphony op 9 no 1
18:00 New CDs - Mahler: Symphony no 3 (Larson / Master Chorale Women's Choir / Los Angeles children's choir and PO / Salonen)
20:05 From the Recording Studio - The Sol-La-Re Trio: Vascoe Ashkenazy, violin / Tzvi Carmeli, viola / Tanya Tomkins, cello. Gerhard Seidel: String Trio (1991); Mozart: Divertimento in E flat major K563
21:00 Clouds, Celebrations and Sirens
23:00 Art of the Song

PRIME TIME TV

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19:30			Beverly Hills 90210		Married with Children	Beyond 2000
20:00		News			Fresh Prince of Bel Air	
20:30	The Gregory Hines Show	Shemesh	Hercules	Milk Money	Full House	Wild Film
21:00	News	Only in Israel	Xena, the Warrior Princess		Beverly Hills 90210	Martin Luther King
21:30	France 98	Seven	Suddenly Susan	Flirting with Disaster	L'Amore Molesto	In His Words: Bobby Kennedy
22:00			Seinfeld			
23:00			Ricki Lake			Tazman Jewel

MOVIES

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE Spiceworld 5 • The Portrait of a Lady 7 • This Land is Mine 9:30 • Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil 9:45 **G.G. GIL** Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 6788448 Red Corner∞L.A Confidential∞Blues Brothers 2000 ∞U.S. Marshals 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Deep Impact∞The Boxer∞Mercury Rising 4:45, 7:15, 10, • Event Horizon 4:45, 7:15, 10 **JERUSALEM THEATER** On connait la chanson **RAV CHEN 1-7** ☎ 6792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 6794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot Good Will Hunting 5, 7:15, 9:45 • As Good As It Gets 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Mulan *(English dialogue)* 7:30, 9:45 • Titanic 5, 8:45 • The Horse Whisperer 3:15, 6:30, 9:45 • Great Expectations 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Primary Colors 7, 9:45 • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 5 • The Wedding Singer 5 **MEVASSERET ZION G.G. GIL** ☎ 5700868 Picture Perfect∞Deep Impact 4:45, 7:15, 10; **SMADAR** ☎ 5618168 Kundun 7:30, 10, 12:15 a.m. • Sweet Hereafter 5:15
TEL AVIV
DIZENGOFF Spanish Prisoner∞On connait la chanson 11 a.m., 1, 3:15, 5:30, 8, 10 • Deconstructing Harry 11 a.m., 3:15, 8, 10 • Wild Man Blues 1, 5:30 **GAT** ☎6967888 The Horse Whisperer 3:15, 6:30, 9:45 **GLOBUS** Red Corner∞U.S. Marshals 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Live Flesh∞Mercury Rising 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • The Man In The Iron Mask 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:15 • Blues Brothers 2000 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Deep Impact 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10, 12:30 a.m. • L.A. Confidential 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:15, 9:45, 12:30 a.m. **G.G. HOD 1-4** ☎ 5226226 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. U.S. Marshals∞L.A. Confidential 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Live Flesh 5, 7:30, 10 • The Boxer 5, 7:30, 10 **10 LEV** ☎5288288 Kundun 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • Good Will Hunting 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:15, 7, 10 • Welcome to the Doll House 12 noon, 2:15, 5, 7:45, 10 • Sweet Hereafter 11:30 a.m., 2, 7:30, 10 **LEV AVIV** Credit Card Reservations ☎6416841 Sweet Hereafter 11 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • Welcome to Sarajevo 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10 • Stealing Beauty 5, 10 • The Thief 7:15, 9:45 • Braised Off 11 a.m., 2:45, 5, 7:30, 10 • Grass Fever 11:15 a.m., 2:30, 7:30 • Ice Storm 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5 **LIMOR** ☎6968084 Shall We Dance 6, 9:45 • Empire of the Senses 8 **G.G. PE'ER** ☎5442141 Red Corner∞U.S. Marshals 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Mercury Rising∞Deep Impact 5, 7:30, 10 • Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil 4:30, 7 **RAV-CHEN** ☎ 5282288 Dizengoff Circle Mulan *(English dialogue)* 7:30, 9:45 • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 2:30, 5 • The Wedding Singer 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • As Good As It Gets 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Picture Perfect 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Primary Colors 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Scream 2 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 **RAV-OR 1-5** ☎ 5102674 Opera House Jackie Brown 4:15, 7, 9:45 • Great Expectations 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The Full Monty 5, 9:45 • Boogie Nights 4:15, 7, 9:45 • Titanic 5:15, 9 **TEL AVIV MUSEUM** Gadjo Dilo 5, 8, 10
HAIFA
CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ 8325755 Live Flesh∞The End of Violence 7:15, 9:15 **CINEMATHEQUE** Eat, Drink, Man, Woman 6 **MORIAH** ☎8242477 Kundun 7:15, 9:30 **ORI** ☎8500056 Event Horizon∞Mercury Rising∞Deep Impact 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Red Corner∞Blues Brothers 2000∞U.S. Marshals 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Kiss the Girls 4:45, 7:15, 10 **PANORAMA** ☎8382020 Spanish Prisoner ∞Mercury Rising ∞On connait la chanson 4:30, 7, 9:30 **RAV-CHEN** ☎8500055 The Wedding Singer∞The Full Monty 5, 7:15, 9:30 • As Good As It Gets 4:15, 7, 9:30 • Primary Colors 4:15, 7, 9:30 • Jackie Brown 6:30, 9:30 **RAV-GAT 1-2** ☎ 8674311 Mulan *(English dialogue)* 7:15, 9:30 • Titanic 4:45, 8:30 • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 5 **RAV-MOR 1-7** ☎ 8416898 Primary Colors 4, 6:45, 9:30 • Titanic 4:45, 8:30 • The Wedding Singer 5, 7:15, 9:30 • The Horse Whisperer 6, 9:15 • Great Expectations 5, 7:15, 9:30 • As Good As It Gets 4, 6:45, 9:30 • Good Will Hunting 4:30, 7, 9:30 **RAV-OR 1-3** ☎ 8246553 The Horse Whisperer 5 6, 9:15 • Great Expectations 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Good Will Hunting 4:30, 7, 9:30
ARAD
STAR ☎9950904 Deep Impact∞Seven Years in Tibet 7:30, 10 • Titanic 9
ARIEL
Spiceworld 6, 9
ASHDOD
G.G. GIL ☎ 8647202 Deep Impact ∞Event Horizon 5, 7:30, 10 • Red Corner∞Seven Years in Tibet∞The Man In The Iron Mask 4:45, 7:15, 10 **ORI** ☎8588073 Blues Brothers 2000∞U.S. Marshals 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Mercury Rising 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎8681120 The Horse Whisperer 6:30, 9:45 • Great Expectations∞Picture Perfect∞The Wedding Singer 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Titanic 4:45, 8:30 • As Good As It Gets 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
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G.G. GIL ☎ 6729977 Mercury Rising∞Deep Impact 5, 7:30, 10 • Red Corner∞Blues Brothers 2000∞U.S. Marshals 4:45, 7:15, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎8711221 Good Will Hunting 5, 7:15, 9:45 • As Good As It Gets 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • The Horse Whisperer 6:30, 9:45 • Titanic 4:45, 8:30 • The Wedding Singer 5, 7:30, 9:45
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G.G. GIL ☎6440771 On connait la chanson 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Event Horizon∞The Full Monty∞Kiss the Girls 5, 7:30, 10 **G.G. ORI** ☎6103111 Red Corner∞U.S. Marshals 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Mercury Rising 5, 7:30, 10 • Deep Impact 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV-NEGEV 1-4** ☎6235278 The Horse Whisperer 6:30, 9:45 • As Good As It Gets 7:15, 9:45 • Primary Colors 9:45 • Jackie Brown 4:15, 7, 9:45 • Titanic 6:15 • The Wedding Singer 5
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CINEMA Great Expectations 7:30, 10 • Good Will Hunting 7:30, 10 • Titanic Sun- Wed. 9 **GIL** ☎6340182 Red Corner 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Mercury Rising∞Deep Impact 5, 7:30, 10
HERZLIYA
COLONY ☎6902666 Great Expectations∞Primary Colors 5, 7:30, 10:15 **DANIEL** ☎ 9544044 Live Flesh 7:45, 10 **STAR** ☎ 9589068 Mercury Rising 7:30, 10 • She's So Lovely 7:30, 10 • Red Corner 7:30, 10
HOD HASHARON
GIL ☎ 7408591 Red Corner∞Good Will Hunting 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Picture Perfect∞Mercury Rising 5, 7:30, 10
KARMIEL
CINEMA ☎9882521 Deep Impact∞The Wedding Singer 7, 9:30 • The Horse Whisperer 6, 9:15
KFAR SAVA
G.G. GIL ☎7677370 U.S. Marshals∞Blues Brothers 2000 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Red Corner 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Mercury Rising 5, 7:30, 10 • Good Will Hunting 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • The Horse Whisperer 6:30, 9:45 • Deep Impact 5, 7:30, 10
KIRYAT BIALIK
G.G. GIL Red Corner∞In and Out ∞Blues Brothers 2000 7, 9:30 • Mercury Rising ∞Deep Impact∞As Good As It Gets 7, 9:30 • She's So Lovely∞The Myth of Fingerprints 7, 9:30 • U.S. Marshals 7, 9:45 • Titanic 5:30, 9
KIRYAT SHMONA
G.G. GIL ☎6905080 Deep Impact 4:30, 7, 9:30 • The Wedding Singer 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Good Will Hunting 4:30, 7, 9:30
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HEICHAL HATARBUT ☎9829833 As Good As It Gets 8:30
UPPER NAZARETH
G.G GIL ☎6561332 Event Horizon ∞Picture Perfect 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Mercury Rising∞Deep Impact 4:30, 7, 9:30 • On connait la chanson∞Red Corner∞U.S. Marshals 4:15, 7, 9:45
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G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 9404729 Red Corner 4:45, 7:15, 10 • As Good As It Gets 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Mercury Rising 5, 7:30, 10 • Titanic 5, 8:45
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G.G. GIL 1-5 ☎ 8628452 Red Corner∞U.S. Marshals∞Blues Brothers 2000 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Mercury Rising∞Deep Impact 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎ 8618570 The Horse Whisperer 6:30, 9:45 • As Good As It Gets 9:45 • Great Expectations 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Primary Colors 7, 9:45 • Titanic 6:15 • The Wedding Singer 5
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G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 5333292 U.S. Marshals∞As Good As It Gets 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Mercury Rising∞Deep Impact 5, 7:30, 10
PETAH TIKVA
G.G. HECHAL ☎ 9317374 Red Corner∞Great Expectations 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Deep Impact 5, 7:30, 10 **SIRKIN** ☎ 9087989 U.S. Marshals∞Blues Brothers 2000 4:45, 7:15, 10 • As Good As It Gets 4:30, 7:15, 10 • The Horse Whisperer 6:30, 9:45 • Mercury Rising 5, 7:30, 10 • Titanic 8:15
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RAV-GAN 1-4 ☎ 6197121 Mercury Rising∞Picture Perfect 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Red Corner 5, 7:15, 9:45 **RAV-OASIS 1-3** ☎ 6730687 The Horse Whisperer 3:15, 6:30, 9:45 • As Good As It Gets 9:45 • Titanic 11 a.m., 6:15 • Primary Colors 4:15, 7, 9:45 • Good Will Hunting 5, 7:15, 9:45 • The Wedding Singer 4:15
RAMAT HASHARON
KOKHAV ☎ 5491979 Spanish Prisoner 7:30, 9:45
REHOVOT
CHEN ☎ 9362864 Kundun∞Western ∞Spanish Prisoner 7:15, 9:45 • Wild Man Blues 7:30 • On connait la chanson 10 **RAV MOR** ☎ 9493595 The Wedding Singer 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Great Expectations 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The Horse Whisperer 6:30, 9:45 • Primary Colors 4:15, 7, 9:45 • Mercury Rising 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Good Will Hunting 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Titanic 6:15
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Harazi Turkey bound

By ORI LEWIS

Israel international striker Ronnen Harazi looks likely to play in Turkey next season, according to the player.

Harazi, has a tentative agreement with Turkish first division side Bursaspor and if the agreement is ratified, he will play for them for the next two seasons with an option for a third in a deal which, according to reports could net him up to $2 million.

Harazi returned from Spain in the middle of last season after failing to find favor with first-division Salamanca. He played with Hapoel Haifa for the remainder of last season. The Haifa club had been hoping Harazi would play for them this season, but the move away from Israel's shores has meant the port city side will need to find a new striker.

Harazi is the most prolific player among active Israel imernationals, having netted 19 goals in 41 appearances.

USGA won't ban existing clubs

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) – The United States Golf Association said yesterday that it does not intend to declare illegal any golf clubs that already have been approved as conforming to the rules.

At issue is an article in the Rules of Golf that says a club cannot impart a "spring-like" effect on the ball when it is struck.

The issue of spring, or "trampoline" effect, became a concern for the USGA with the advent of drivers and other clubs with extra large titanium heads and ultra-light graphite shafts, which are extremely popular among golfers of all skills because they seem to allow a player to hit the ball longer and straighter.



IT'S STILL OURS! – The Detroit Red Wings huddle around the Stanley Cup after beating Washington 4-1 in Game 4 on Tuesday. (Reuters)

Detroit sweeps Washington to win Stanley Cup

WASHINGTON (Reuters) – Doug Brown, playing with a shoulder separation, scored two goals to lead the Detroit Red Wings to a 4-1 win over the Washington Capitals on Tuesday and a 4-0 sweep of the Stanley Cup championship series for the second straight year.

The Red Wings swept the Philadelphia Flyers last year to end a 42-year championship drought but were jarred six days later when a limousine crash nearly killed defenseman Vladimir Konstantinov and team masseur Sergei Mnatsakanov.

Konstantinov, who suffered brain damage, was among the thousands of Detroit fans who packed the MCI Centre to see the Red Wings become the first team since the Pittsburgh Penguins in 1991-92 to win back-to-back Stanley Cup titles. He brought his teammates to their feet early in the third period when he stood and cheered, his face beaming.

Konstantinov, wearing a Red Wings' jersey, was wheeled onto the ice at the end of the game and joined the team after the traditional post-series handshakes.

The former defenseman smiled and waved as his picture was flashed on the scoreboard, and he was wheeled around the ice by his teammates with the Cup after the team's championship picture.

"This is really a dream come true after our tragedy of last season," said associate coach Barry Smith.

The Red Wings, who swept the Philadelphia Flyers in last year's finals to end a 42-year Stanley Cup drought, claimed their ninth Cup overall since joining the NHL in 1926.

"We fought through a lot of adversity this year," said veteran defenseman Bob Rouse. "They counted us out real early on. Obviously the accident had a lot to do with that and we had to pull together.

"But give Washington credit. They battled hard. But we just had some guys who stepped up, it was always a different guy."

Scotty Bowman won his eighth Stanley Cup as a coach, moving into a tie with Toe Blake for the all-time record.

The resounding four-game loss ended a remarkable playoff run for Washington, which had never won a game in the conference finals before this year. Out-played by Detroit in all but one period of one game, the Capitals became the third straight Eastern Conference team to be swept in the Stanley Cup Finals.

The Red Wings opened the scoring in the first period when Brown drilled a 22 footer past Kolzig, at 10:53.

The Red Wings outscored the Capitals 2-1 in the second period.

Martin LaPointe beat Kolzig with a 40 footer just 2:20 into the period, taking a pass from Igor Larionov who shot the puck into the high slot from the right boards. It was his ninth playoff goal.

Washington, before a capacity crowd of 19,740, including about 3,000 Red Wing fans from Detroit, got back into the game when Detroit defenseman Jamie Macoun lost the puck to Joe Juneau 20 feet from the Wings' net. Juneau passed to Adam Oates, whose shot was stopped by Chris Osgood the Detroit goalie.

In the scrum which followed in front Brian Bellows managed to loft a ten footer past Osgood, making it 2-1.

Then Murphy, who was practically booed out of Washington in 1989 and derisevly cheered on Tuesday with "whomp, whomp," every time he touched the puck, made it 3-1 on a four on three power play at 11:46.

	1	2	1–4
Detroit	1	2	1–4
Washington	0	1	0–1

First Period–1, Detroit, Brown 3 (Fedorov, Murphy), 10:30 (pp). Second Period–2, Detroit, LaPointe 9 (Larionov, Rouse), 2:26. 3, Washington, Bellows 6 (Juneau, Oates), 7:49. 4, Detroit, Murphy 3 (Holmstrom, Fedorov), 11:46 (pp). Third Period–5, Detroit, Bowm. 4. (Kozlov, Eriksson), 1:32 (pp).
Shots on goal–Detroit 14-12-12–38. Washington 8-14-11–31.
Goalies–Detroit, Osgood. Washington, Kolzig. A–19,740 (19,740).

Police detain three over ticket fraud

PARIS (Reuters) – Police investigating World Cup ticket fraud have arrested three people, including a consultant working for the French affiliate of ISL Worldwide, FIFA's official marketing partner.

Police named the consultant yesterday as Gilles Favard and said he had been arrested on Tuesday evening at his home in Rueil-Malmaison just outside Paris where officers found a large sum of money and 100 World Cup tickets.

They said Favard's sister had also been detained as well as another man suspected of involvement in ticket fraud. Neither was named.

The police investigation was opened after thousands of fans from Japan, Germany, the Netherlands and elsewhere arrived in France for the World Cup finals to find tickets they had paid for were missing.

World Cup organizers and ISL France, an affiliate of Swiss-based ISL Worldwide, had asked police to investigate the missing tickets.

Glen Kirton, head of football for ISL Worldwide said yesterday the company was taking steps to ensure the French affiliate dealt with the case immediately.

Hick, Russell, James get call as England cover

LONDON (Reuters) – England have called up three players as cover for injuries on the eve of the second Test against South Africa starting at Lord's today.

Graeme Hick, Jack Russell and Steve James were pulled out of county championship matches that started yesterday and summoned to Lord's in case opener Mark Butcher and captain Alec Stewart did not recover from thumb and back injuries respectively.

"All three have been called up as insurance, not as replacements," chairman of selectors David Graveney told reporters yesterday.

Glamorgan opener James has been in prolific form again this season after two hugely successful seasons and would appear to have the best chance of playing after Butcher practiced yesterday and could not help wincing in pain.

In the unlikely event that Stewart is fit enough to bat but not to keep wicket, then he would move up to open, with Hick taking his place in the middle order and Russell taking the gloves.

"I don't think that's likely. Either I'm fit to play or I'm not," Stewart said.

Both Stewart and Butcher will have fitness tests this morning.

Italy stroll to 3-0 win over Cameroon

MONTPELLIER (Reuters) – Luigi Di Biagio scored his first goal for his country and Christian Vieri struck twice as Italy beat 10-man Cameroon 3-0 last night to break the deadlock in World Cup Group B.

Vieri's goals came in the last 15 minutes against a Cameroon side who played the whole of the second half with 10 men after defender Raymond Kalla was sent off for a vicious 43rd minute late challenge on Di Biagio.

Di Biagio, the shaven-headed AS Roma midfielder, playing only his fifth game for the Azzurri, scored with a glancing header after just eight minutes of his full World Cup debut.

Roberto Baggio took a short corner from the left, Lazio defender Alessandro Nesta knocked it back to him and Italy's hero of the 1994 tournament swung in a curling, dipping cross.

Di Biagio ghosted away from his marker towards the front post and planted a firm header across goalkeeper Jacques Songo'o and into the bottom corner of the Cameroon net.

Vieri scored his first in the 75th minute with a fierce right foot shot from just outside the box. His second, one minute from time, was a scrappy affair as he accepted an easy chance from close range when the Cameroon defense failed to clear a cross from the right.

The Italians looked infinitely sharper than they had in their 2-2 draw with Chile last week.

Vieri caused the African centerbacks problems from the opening whistle, the inclusion of Inter Milan winger Francisco Moriero gave them more width on the right and Di Biagio gave their midfield more bite.

Italy coach Cesare Maldini also threw on brilliant Juventus striker Alessandro Del Piero in the second half for a relatively low key World Cup debut.

Italy's victory took them two points clear after the first three games in their group all ended in draws.

A single point from their final group match against Austria will see them through to the second round although they will want to finish top to avoid a last-16 clash with Brazil.

The Africans, who ironically only came into the match after they were a man down and a goal down, now face a tough final group match against Chile.

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TODAY AT THE WORLD CUP
Group C:
South Africa-Denmark
Toulouse 18:30 (Channel 1)
France-Saudi Arabia St. Denis 22:00 (Channel 1, Eurosport)

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
Group B: Chile 1, Austria 1
Group B: Italy 3, Cameroon 0

Late Austrian goal forces 1-1 draw with Chile

In St Etienne, substitute Ivica Vastic broke Chile's hearts yesterday with a stoppage time goal to force Austria's second 1-1 draw in Group B.

The South Americans looked to be heading for victory after striker Marcelo Salas forced the ball over the line in the 70th minute following a powerful header from Ivan Zamorano.

Austrian television suggested the ball had not crossed the line, but other footage and still photographs clearly showed it had gone over.

Then just as they did against Cameroon in Toulouse last Thursday Austria salvaged a point with a last-gasp effort against the run of play to send their fans into raptures.

On that occasion it was veteran striker Toni Polster, who fired home in stoppage time.

Against Chile the honor fell to 28-year-old Vastic who picked up the ball on the edge of the penalty area, skipped inside the challenge of Nelson Parraguez and rifled the ball into the top left hand corner, giving 'keeper Nelson Tapia no chance.

Until Vastic popped up with his late goal Chile looked to be taking a firm grip on Group B after a competent performance in which they had more possession and looked dangerous in attack.

Salas and Zamorano were always menacing and created a number of openings which they could not quite finish.

GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	2	1	1	0	5	2	4
Chile	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Austria	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Cameroon	2	0	1	1	1	4	1

Remaining matches:
June 23 at 17:00: Italy v Austria (St. Denis), Chile v Cameroon (Nantes)

Colombia dump Asprilla

LA-TOUR-DU-PIN, France (Reuters) – Faustino Asprilla was kicked out of Colombia's World Cup squad yesterday for criticizing team tactics.

Coach Hernan Dario Gomez said the moody striker's public outburst against his substitution in the 1-0 defeat by Romania on Monday had been punished by his exclusion from the squad.

"The dialogue he had with his (journalist) friend is not normal so you have to do something, apply the regulations," Gomez said as he watched his 21 other players training at Colombia's retreat east of Lyon.

"Regulations don't allow for such criticism. These situations just occur and people leave."

Asprilla, enjoying Colombia's day off in Paris on Tuesday, told a radio reporter he was unhappy with Gomez's decision to substitute him near the end of the group G match in Lyon and bring on 21-year-old newcomer Leider Preciado.

The Parma striker said he thought other players who had become "untouchables" had played worse, a jibe aimed at veteran player Carlos Valderrama.

Asked whether Colombia would be weakened by the loss of Asprilla, Valderrama replied: "No, now it gets fortified.

"When we're all here we're all necessary. But when we're not here, then we're none of us essential," the shaggy-haired midfielder said.

Injured Calderwood flown to London

ST REMY DE PROVENCE, France (Reuters) – Scotland defender Colin Calderwood, who broke two bones in his hand in Tuesday's 1-1 draw with Norway, was flown to London for treatment yesterday and will probably miss the rest of the World Cup.

"He's broken two bones in his hand and one of them is displaced," Scotland team doctor Stewart Hillis told journalists.

Scotland, who were beaten by defending champions Brazil in their opening Group A game, meet Morocco in St Etienne next Tuesday in a match which could decide which team reaches the second round with Brazil.

Home of cricket proves no friend to England

By NEIL MANTHORP

LONDON (Reuters) – The home of cricket has been no friend to England in recent years. South Africa will hope the trend continues in the second Test starting at Lord's today.

Lord's unique atmosphere used to work wonders for England when they entertained their visitors from the colonies. By the time the tourists had recovered their composure and started competing, they were usually half beaten.

England began auspiciously when they beat Australia by an innings and five runs in the first Test at Lord's in 1884 and improved further with another comprehensive thrashing by an innings and 106 runs two years later.

Until the 1970s, during which England won just four of their 13 Tests but were beaten only once, they enjoyed far more success than failure.

In 55 Test matches involving England at Lords up to 1979, the home side won 25 and lost just 10.

Their finest sequence came between 1957 and 1960 when they beat West Indies, New Zealand, India and South Africa in consecutive Tests, winning three by an innings and one by eight wickets.

But the 1980s finally saw the trend change. Having first played more than one Test a summer at Lord's in 1965, the 1980s saw England make no fewer than 15 trips to St John's Wood. They won just three times and lost twice as many.

The 1990s have already produced 11 Tests and although England's win-lose record stands finely balanced at three-all, the pain of recent memories is still fresh.

Recently, when England lose at Lords, they do it in style.

This summer's tourists handed out a memorable drubbing to their hosts in 1994 and compounded the disappointment of Lords officialdom by flouting local guidelines on etiquette with celebratory singing and flag-waving.

Captain Kepler Wessels scored a century and England subsided to a miserable 99 all out in their second innings to lose by 356 runs.

Some historians did note, however, that it was only South Africa's second win in 11 attempts at Lord's since 1907. No wonder they were pleased.

Happier times came the following year when Dominic Cork took seven for 43 to help beat the West Indies by 72 runs but potential humiliation was averted by the rain last year when Australian Glenn McGrath took eight for 38 in England's first innings 77.

"The senior guys have great memories of Lord's, obviously, and for the rest of us it is probably the best moment of our careers. Walking out to play a Test match for your country, at the home of cricket, is as big as it gets," said South Africa's opening bowler Shaun Pollock.

England's chief selector David Graveney is ruefully aware of the effect Lord's has on its visitors these days.

"It inspires them, lifts them, and we are aware of that," he said. "It really means that we have to raise our game as well." South Africa have a significant advantage in coach Bob Woolmer, whose own career for England started and ended with Tests at Lords in 1975 and 1981. In all, Woolmer played five Tests at Lords and scored 120 in the second innings against Australia in 1977.

"Most of the guys will be perfectly all right, but I will probably remind a few of the younger ones to remain calm," Woolmer says with a smile.

"The atmosphere can be a bit over-bearing, particularly the walk through the long room on your way out to bat. David Steele was so nervous on his way to the wicket that he walked down one too many flights of steps and ended up in the toilets."

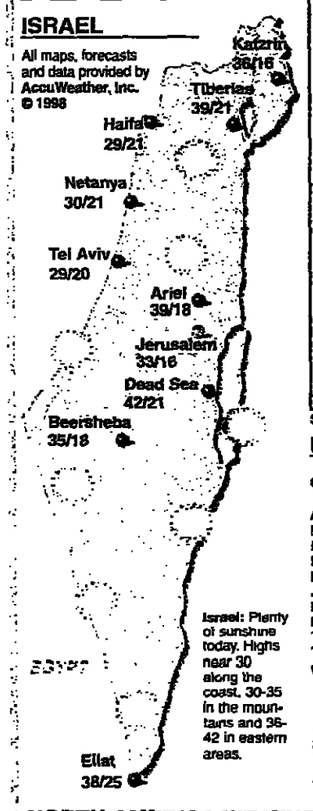
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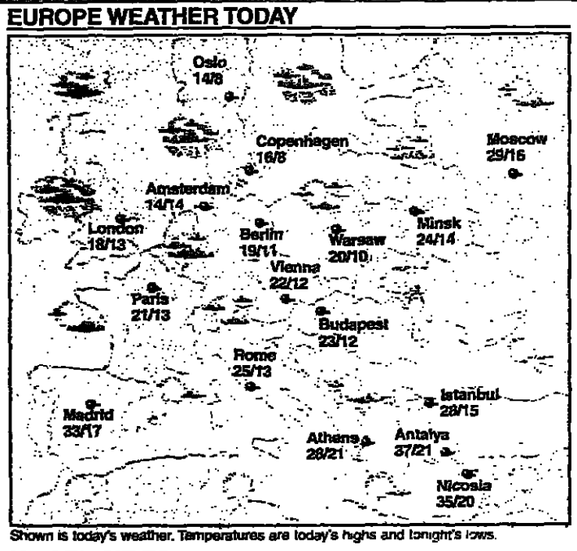
ISRAEL

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Israel: Plenty of sunshine today. Highs near 30 along the coast, 30-35 in the mountains and 36-42 in eastern areas.

EUROPE WEATHER TODAY



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

ISRAEL CITIES

City	Today High	Today Low/W	Friday High	Friday Low/W	Saturday High	Saturday Low/W	Sunday High	Sunday Low/W
	C/F	C/F	C/F	C/F	C/F	C/F	C/F	C/F
Arad	39/102	18/64/s	37/98	16/61/s	37/98	16/61/pc	32/102	18/64/pc
Beersheba	35/95	18/64/s	33/91	16/61/s	31/88	16/61/pc	33/91	16/64/pc
Dead Sea	42/107	21/70/s	40/104	19/66/s	38/100	19/66/pc	40/104	21/70/pc
Eilat	38/100	25/77/s	36/97	25/77/s	38/100	25/77/pc	38/100	25/77/pc
Haifa	29/84	21/70/s	29/84	21/70/s	27/80	21/70/pc	29/84	23/73/pc
Jerusalem	33/91	16/61/s	31/88	14/57/s	29/84	14/57/s	31/88	16/61/s
Katzrin	36/97	16/61/s	36/97	16/61/s	34/93	16/61/pc	34/93	16/61/pc
Netanya	30/86	21/70/s	30/86	21/70/s	28/82	21/70/pc	30/86	21/70/pc
Tel Aviv	29/84	20/68/s	29/84	20/68/s	27/80	20/68/pc	29/84	22/68/pc
Tiberias	39/102	21/70/s	37/98	19/66/s	37/98	21/70/pc	32/90	21/70/pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sf-snow, i-ice

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INTERNATIONAL CITIES

City	Today High	Today Low/W	Friday High	Friday Low/W	Saturday High	Saturday Low/W
	C/F	C/F	C/F	C/F	C/F	C/F
Amsterdam	14/57	14/57/r	18/64	15/59/r	28/82	21/70/pc
Beijing	33/91	18/64/s	33/91	24/75/pc	31/88	20/68/s
Berlin	19/66	11/52/pc	21/70	13/55/r	27/80	15/59/s
Brussels	16/61	14/57/r	23/73	17/62/c	23/84	22/71/pc
Cairo	33/91	22/71/s	35/95	22/71/s	35/95	22/71/pc
Chicago	30/86	18/64/r	29/84	16/61/r	28/82	15/59/pc
Frankfurt	21/70	11/52/s	22/71	12/53/r	28/82	15/59/s
Hong Kong	32/89	28/82/sh	32/89	28/82/r	31/88	26/79/c
Johannesburg	24/75	7/44/s	25/77	8/46/s	25/77	11/52/pc
London	18/64	13/55/sh	23/73	17/62/c	28/82	13/55/pc
Los Angeles	30/86	18/64/s	31/88	18/61/pc	33/84	14/57/pc
Madrid	33/91	17/62/s	37/98	19/64/s	35/95	21/70/pc
Mexico City	27/80	13/55/pc	26/79	14/57/c	26/79	13/55/s
Montreal	23/73	19/66/r	25/84	17/63/sh	33/92	18/64/pc
Moscow	29/84	16/61/s	33/95	24/75/s	35/95	20/68/s
New York	30/86	19/66/s	31/88	20/68/pc	29/84	20/68/r
Paris	21/70	13/55/pc	25/77	17/62/pc	29/84	19/66/pc
Prague	19/66	12/53/pc	21/70	15/59/r	26/79	18/64/pc
Rio de Janeiro	25/77	22/68/pc	27/80	19/66/s	25/77	17/63/pc
Rome	25/77	13/55/s	25/79	17/62/pc	29/84	21/70/pc
Sydney	18/61	8/46/s	17/62	9/48/s	18/64	10/50/pc
Tokyo	25/79	23/73/r	28/82	25/73/r	23/84	26/79/c
Toronto	24/75	17/62/pc	29/84	16/61/pc	33/92	15/59/pc
Vienna	22/71	12/53/sh	24/75	17/62/c	26/79	21/70/pc
Warsaw	20/68	10/50/pc	21/70	12/53/s	25/79	15/59/pc
Washington	32/39	21/70/s	31/88	21/70/pc	31/88	21/70/t
Zurich	21/70	12/53/c	25/77	17/62/pc	23/84	21/70/pc

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